

NEWS RELEASE

County of Warren, New Jersey



Freeholders Proclaim May as Older Americans Month

(WHITE TWP., NJ – April 25, 2018) – Urging senior citizens to “engage at every age,” the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders proclaimed May as Older Americans Month.

The freeholders urged all county residents “to recognize and celebrate our older residents as powerful and vital citizens who greatly contribute to this community,” according to the proclamation they approved and presented to Patricia Carnellie, vice chairwoman of the Warren County Senior Advisory Council.

The freeholders also noted that there will be several additional opportunities in May to honor the county’s older residents, including the Hackettstown Area Senior Hall of Fame ceremony conducted by The Foundation for Hackettstown Medical Center on May 22, and at a May 24 county event honoring the Mary Louise Christine Outstanding Senior Citizen of Warren County recipient along with all of the nominated seniors.



Warren County Freeholder Jason J. Sarnoski, Freeholder Director Edward J. Smith and Freeholder Richard D. Gardner present the Older Americans Month proclamation to Patricia Carnellie, vice chairwoman of the Warren County Senior Advisory Council.

[Nominations for that award are still being sought](#), and are due to the Warren County Division of Senior and Disability Services by May 3, 2018.

Freeholder Director Edward J. Smith and his board colleagues, Freeholders Jason J. Sarnoski and Richard D. Gardner, all stressed the importance of Warren County’s senior citizens to civic life in the county, which has more than 23,000 residents age 60 or older.

“We have a number of older Americans that serve on committees and are thoroughly engaged in what they need to do for the greater community,” Gardner said, adding, “Their participation is welcomed at all levels. We appreciate their service, their vitality, and certainly their education and life experiences passed down to the next generation.”

“Our volunteer boards are overwhelmingly seniors,” Smith said, noting that without their involvement, “the county would be in trouble.”

Meanwhile, Sarnoski thanked all those who are involved in providing the county's senior programs – including the county Human Services staffers and volunteers – who help older residents to live active and fulfilling lives.

Carnellie thanked the freeholders for the proclamation on behalf of the senior advisory council, and said she was proud of the work the group does alongside the Division of Aging and Disability Services. She noted members of the council range in age from 60 to 84, demonstrating that seniors are involved in helping their fellow older Americans.

Information about the Mary Louise Christine Outstanding Senior Citizen Award, including nomination forms and the award criteria, is available on the Warren County government website at www.co.warren.nj.us or can be obtained by contacting the Division of Aging & Disability Services at 908-475-6591 or toll free 1-877-222-3737.

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

MAY 2018

WHEREAS, each year the Federal Administration for Community Living designates the month of May as “Older Americans Month” and issues an annual theme for Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Older Americans Month 2018 is "En-gage at Every Age” to emphasize the importance of being active and involved, no matter when or where you are in life. You are never too old or too young to participate in activities that can enrich your physical, mental and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, Warren County includes a thriving community of over 23,000 residents age 60 and older; and

WHEREAS, older residents in our community continue to redefine aging – through work or family interests, volunteerism, advocacy efforts and by taking charge of their health; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders continues to encourage and support local programs and initiatives that promote healthy aging and independent living for older residents; and

WHEREAS, each May the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders have made it an annual tradition to honor county residents age 60 and over as vital and contributing members of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders do hereby proclaim May 2018 as Older Americans Month and urges all Warren County residents to take time during the month of May to recognize and celebrate our older residents as powerful and vital citizens who greatly contribute to this community.

Edward J. Smith, Director Jason J. Sarnoski, Deputy Director Richard D. Gardner, Freeholder