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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: April 26, 2016

TO: **Board of Supervisors**

FROM: Mike Dent

SUBJECT: Resolution proclaiming May 2016 as Older Americans Month in Nevada

County.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND:

Older adults are a growing and increasingly vital part of our country. The contributions they make to our communities are varied, deeply rooted, and include influential roles in the nation's economy, politics, and the arts. From 69-year-old NASA Administrator Charles Bolden, Jr. to 84year-old actress Rita Moreno to 83-year-old Ruth Bader Ginsberg, who took her seat as a Supreme Court Justice at age 60, older adults are blazing trails in all aspects of American life.

Since 1963, communities across the country have shown their gratitude by celebrating Older Americans Month each May. Led by the Administration for Community Living, the annual observance offers the opportunity to learn about, support, and celebrate our nation's older citizens. This year's theme, "Blaze a Trail," emphasizes the ways older adults are reinventing themselves through new work and new passions, engaging their communities, and blazing a trail of positive impact on the lives of people of all ages.

Older Americans Month 2016 will be used to focus on how older adults in our community are leading and inspiring others, how we can support and learn from them, and how we might follow their examples to blaze trails of our own.

By issuing this proclamation, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors will formally recognize the outstanding contribution made every day by the older adults in our community.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Mike Dent, Director of Social Services