

**Agenda Item:** 1.d

**Meeting Date:** May 7, 2026

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** City Commission

**Through:** Jennifer K. Bramley, City Manager

**From:** Jocelyn Brodhead

**Date:** 2026-04-07

**Subject:** Older Americans Month 2026 Proclamation

**Presenter(s):** Nichole Allen, Hale Senior Activity Center Coordinator; Ann Marie Winter, Executive Director of Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas; and Cindy Cole, Committee on Aging Chair

**Staff Recommendation:** Reading and Presentation of the Older Americans Month 2026 Proclamation by the Commission.

**Strategic Themes:** City Services; Community Amenities

**Boards & Committees:** Committee on Aging

**Budget Impact:** N / A

**Past Action:** This proclamation is presented annually.

**Next Action:** N / A

**Attachments:** [A. Older Americans Month Proclamation \(2026\).pdf](#)

**Background:** Older Americans Month provides an opportunity to recognize and honor our community's older residents and the many ways in which they contribute to and support Dunedin. It's also a time to reaffirm our commitment to serving older adults in Dunedin.

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) has selected "Champion Your Health" as the theme for Older Americans Month 2026. The theme emphasizes prevention, wellness, and personal responsibility as key components of healthy aging, encouraging older adults to take an active role in managing and advocating for their health, accessing preventive care, and making informed decisions. This year's efforts focus on evidence based practices, self management, the essential contributions of caregivers, and strong community partnerships that empower individuals to lead healthier, more fulfilling lives.

The Hale Senior Activity Center serves as a cornerstone for empowering older adults to remain engaged and active within the community. Through robust programming and resources, the center fosters inclusion, connection, independence, and aging in place. Furthermore, staff dispel the misconception that age diminishes worth and ability by celebrating older adults, their invaluable contributions, wisdom, and the profound impact they continue to have in shaping and enriching our communities.

One such example is the Senior Hall of Fame, which will be hosted in conjunction with the Committee on Aging on Wednesday, May 6th, to honor Eric Houghton and C. Allen Kynes, two (2) Dunedin residents who have made significant contributions to our community.