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Lake County Commissioners Proclaim May “Older Americans Month”

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, May 7, 2026— At today’s Commissioners’ Meeting, the Board proclaimed May 2026 as “Older Americans Month” in Lake County. Each May, the Administration for Community Living leads this national observance. This year’s theme, “Champion Your Health,” emphasizes prevention, wellness, and taking an active role in managing one’s health to support independence and healthy aging.

“We are proud to recognize Older Americans Month and celebrate the many older adults who strengthen our communities every day,” said Commission President Morris W. Beverage III. “By prioritizing health, wellness, and access to supportive services, we are helping ensure that Lake County residents can age with dignity, independence, and purpose.”

The Board was joined by the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging and many of the partners that make up the Lake County Senior Services Levy Coalition. Together, these organizations provide essential programs and services that help older adults live safely, remain independent, and stay connected within the community.

“Our community is strongest when we work together to support residents at every stage of life,” said Commissioner John T. Plecnik. “The collaboration among these agencies ensures that older adults in Lake County have access to the resources they need to remain active, engaged, and healthy.”

Older Americans Month also highlights the important role of volunteering in promoting health and well-being. Staying active through service not only supports physical and mental health but also fosters meaningful connections and a strong sense of purpose.



Front Row, pictured left to right: Kerry Jonke, Angi Daughtery, Commissioner Morris W. Beverage III, Judy Burr, Meredith Fratantonio, Chris Yano

Back Row: Mary Udics, Jennie Best, Cristen Kane, Linda Llewellyn, Alyea Barajas, Commissioner John T. Plecnik, Bob Selan, Commissioner Morgan R. McIntosh, Dante Giancola, Shari Thompson, Larry Sterk, Andrea Johnson

“Volunteering is a powerful way for older adults to stay engaged while making a real difference in the lives of others,” said Commissioner Morgan R. McIntosh. “We are grateful for individuals who give their time and talents to strengthen our community.”

During the meeting, the Board recognized Bob Selan, a dedicated volunteer with the Lake County Volunteer Network/RSVP program since 2023, whose service has made a meaningful impact on older adults throughout Lake County. A retired aerospace professional, current computer science instructor, veteran, and Mentor resident, Bob contributed more than 580 hours of service, completing over 300 tasks that help older adults remain safe and independent in their homes. His dedication and willingness to share his skills continue to strengthen the community.

For more information on services for older adults and programs available to help older adults stay connected, contact the Board of Lake County Commissioners Senior Services Manager, Alyea Barajas, at (440) 350-2748.



From the left: Commissioner John T. Plecnik, Bob Selan, Commissioner Morgan R. McIntosh, Dante Giancola, Commissioner Morris W. Beverage III.

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