



# Proclamation

*Issued by the Mayor*

## Older Adult Month May 2005

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Census Bureau, persons age 65 and older represent the fastest growing portion of our national population; the Sacramento Adult and Aging Commission estimates that by the year 2040 Sacramento County will experience a 150 percent growth in the older adult population; the fastest growth will be among those who are 85 years and over, whose population will grow 300 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 150,000 Older Adults, our mothers, fathers, grandparents, neighbors, friends, and ultimately ourselves, reside in Sacramento County and may be vulnerable to abuse, neglect, abandonment and financial exploitation; and

**WHEREAS**, our society depends upon the nurturing, support and resources shared between generations and is endeavoring to create communities where Older Adults may experience long life while maintaining the highest quality of life and be valued and protected; and

**WHEREAS**, this vision reflects a desire to provide a communities where people can maintain their pride and independence as long as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, implementing this community vision will require the active support and participation of the entire community, including hospitals, businesses, churches, law enforcement, health and human services providers, educators, housing developers, public and private sector organizations, elected officials and private citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Heather Fargo, Mayor of the City of Sacramento, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2005 as **Older Adult Month** in the City of Sacramento and do hereby urge all citizens to appreciate, honor and protect older adults.

**ISSUED:** This 24<sup>th</sup> Day of May 2005.

*Heather Fargo*

**HEATHER FARGO  
MAYOR**

