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GRF signing the Older Americans Month proclamation on
April 5, 1976, with various guests looking on.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

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Date: April 7

Time: 230pm

FOR ACTION: Pam Needham
Max Friedersdorf
Ken Lazarus

cc (for information): Warren Hendriks
Jim Cavanaugh
Jack Marsh
Jerry Warren
Tod Hullin

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: April 8

Time: 300pm

SUBJECT:

Proclamation: Older Americans Month

Peggy - can you get me list of yr. + the yr. before's Senior Older Am. Month Proc? This looks familiar.

ACTION REQUESTED:

- For Necessary Action
- For Your Recommendations
- Prepare Agenda and Brief
- Draft Reply
- For Your Comments
- Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Please return to Judy Johnston, Ground Floor West Wing

recd. 4/7/75

PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

Warren E. Hendriks
For the President

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

National Archives and Records Service
Washington, DC 20408



April 4, 1975

Mr. Robert D. Linder
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Linder:

Transmitted herewith is a proposed proclamation entitled "Older Americans Month, 1975."

The proposed proclamation has been reviewed in this Office and approved for conformity with the provisions of Executive Order 11030, as amended.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred J. Emery".

FRED J. EMERY
Director of the Federal Register

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Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

APR 2 1975

The President,

The White House.

My dear Mr. President:

I am herewith transmitting a proposed proclamation entitled "Older Americans Month, 1975."

This proposed proclamation was presented by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and has been forwarded for the consideration of this Department as to form and legality by the Office of Management and Budget with the approval of the Director, after revision in that agency. Further minor changes in the proclamation have been made in this Department.

The proposed proclamation is approved as to form and legality.

Respectfully,

Antonin Scalia by JH

Antonin Scalia
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel

APR 2 1975
MEMORANDUM

Re: Proposed proclamation entitled
"Older Americans Month, 1975"

The attached proposed proclamation was presented by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and has been forwarded for the consideration of this Department as to form and legality by the Office of Management and Budget with the approval of the Director, after revision in that agency. Further minor changes in the proclamation have been made in this Department.

The proposed proclamation designates the month of May 1975 as Older Americans Month and urges everyone to participate in efforts to achieve the goal of proclaiming a new Declaration of Rights and Obligations of Older Persons.

There is no statutory request for issuance of the proclamation. However, the President may issue it under his powers as Chief Executive. Similar proclamations have been issued annually since 1963. In 1973 and prior years the proclamations designated "Senior Citizens Month."

The proposed proclamation is acceptable as to form and legality.

Antonin Scalia
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

GENERAL COUNSEL

MAR 25 1975

Honorable Edward H. Levi
Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Herewith, in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order No. 11030, as amended, is a proposed Proclamation entitled "Older Americans Month, 1975."

This proposed Proclamation is not issued pursuant to statutory authorization. Similar Proclamations have been issued since 1963. Last year the title was changed from "Senior Citizens Month" to "Older Americans Month." The proposed Proclamation was submitted by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and has been slightly revised in this office.

This proposed Proclamation has the approval of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

(Signed) William M. Nichols

William M. Nichols
Acting General Counsel

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 1, 1974

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH, 1974

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

America possesses no greater natural resource than the collective wisdom and experience of its older citizens.

The first White House Conference on Aging, held in January of 1961, resulted in a Senior Citizen's Charter on the rights and obligations of older persons and represented an important first step toward giving proper recognition to our older citizens. The second White House Conference on Aging, which was held in December of 1971, broadened that recognition and deepened our national commitment to the welfare of the elderly.

The eve of our Nation's Bicentennial seems a most fitting moment for considering the development of a new Declaration of Rights and Obligations of Older Persons. Consideration of that new declaration should begin immediately at the community level so that it may be proclaimed at the State and national levels as part of our Bicentennial celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the month of May 1974, as Older Americans Month, and urge all who participate in State and community programs in observance of this month to call attention to the 1961 Senior Citizen's Charter and to undertake consideration of ways and means of achieving the goal of proclaiming a new Declaration of Rights and Obligations for Older Persons which can become a rallying point for our Nation during the Bicentennial year of 1976.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-eighth.

RICHARD NIXON

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OLDER AMERICANS MONTH, 1975

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

It is gratifying to note that, throughout the Nation, there is increasing awareness of the growing national resource represented by our older citizens. Wisely focused, their collective knowledge, experience, and energy can contribute significantly to raising the quality of life for all of us in all our communities throughout the land.

The first White House Conference on Aging in 1961 produced a Senior Citizens Charter on the rights and obligations of older persons which has served to give recognition to meeting the needs of our growing numbers of older citizens. The second White House Conference on Aging, held in 1971, broadened that recognition and deepened our commitment to providing opportunities to our older citizens for maintenance of income and health and for self-realization and continuing usefulness.

It is appropriate to reconsider the Charter with a view towards developing a Declaration of Rights and Obligations of Older Persons. People of all ages at community, State and National levels should join in the development of such a declaration so that it can be proclaimed as part of our Bicentennial celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the month of May 1975 as Older Americans Month. I urge

everyone to participate in the efforts to achieve the goal of proclaiming a new Declaration of Rights and Obligations of Older Persons, which can become a rallying point for our Nation during the Bicentennial year of 1976 and a guide to action during the years ahead.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this day of , in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-ninth.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MARCH 26, 1973

Office of the White House Press Secretary
(Key Biscayne, Florida)

THE WHITE HOUSE

SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH, 1973

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Today more than 20 million Americans have six and a half decades or more of life behind them, and rich years of promise still before them. This distinguished generation grew up with the twentieth century, and they came to the fullness of their maturity at the same time America did. They have stood in the forefront of this country's rise to unprecedented national well-being and to the world leadership role which is ours today.

Our older citizens have given their best to America. Now they deserve the best from America.

Senior Citizens Month each year is a time for all our people to renew the recognition, the respect, and the active concern which properly belong to older Americans.

The theme of this year's observance is **OLDER AMERICANS IN ACTION**. It points our attention to the basic fact that most older people are not mere onlookers in our society -- nor are they society's wards. They remain vital, versatile, and highly valued contributors to the quality of American life.

Government's actions on behalf of older Americans must never become mere caretaking. Rather they must be designed to free and assist senior citizens so that they can remain active and involved, in ways of their own choosing. This principle has guided us as Federal spending to help older Americans has increased by almost three-fourths during the past four years.

But Senior Citizens Month 1973 must be something more than a time for renewing our commitment to Government efforts concerning older Americans -- important as these efforts are. It must also be a time for strengthening those human bonds which will ensure older Americans an active and honored place in our families, our communities, and our Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the month of May, 1973, as Senior Citizens Month.

I invite the officials of the Federal, State, and local governments, leaders of voluntary and private organizations, and all Americans everywhere to join in appropriate recognition of **OLDER AMERICANS IN ACTION** during this month and throughout the coming year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-sixth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-seventh.

RICHARD NIXON

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