

PROCLAMATION

CELEBRATING THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT NUTRITION PROGRAM

March 2022

WHEREAS, On March 22, 1972, President Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 to include a national nutrition program for individuals 60 years and older; and

WHEREAS, for five decades, this landmark law has helped to fund community-based organizations – like Meals on Wheels and Congregate Senior Lunch – and it is still the only federal program designed specifically to meet the nutritional and social needs of older adults; and

WHEREAS, this year, Meals on Wheels and Congregate Senior Lunch programs from across the country are joining together to celebrate 50 years of success, as well as garner the support needed to ensure these critical programs can continue to address food insecurity, malnutrition, combat social isolation, enable independence, and improve health for years to come; and

WHEREAS, the Carson City Senior Center, operating Meals on Wheels and Congregate Senior Lunch have served our community admirably for 47 years; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels and Congregate Senior Lunch in Carson City deserve recognition for the heroic contributions and essential services they have provided amid the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to provide to our local community long after it is over; and

WHEREAS, the senior population is increasing substantially, and action is needed now to support local Senior Nutrition programs through federal, state, and local funding; volunteering; donations; and raising awareness to ensure these vital services can continue to be delivered for another 50 years.

NOW THEREFORE I, Lori Bagwell, Mayor of Carson City, Nevada do hereby proclaim March 2022 as a month to “Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Program” and urge our community to honor our Meals on Wheels and Congregate Senior Lunch programs, the seniors they serve and the volunteers and staff who work tirelessly for them.

Dated this 3rd day of March 2022



Lori Bagwell, Mayor