

**Matanuska-Susitna Borough
Mayoral Proclamation**

RECOGNIZING OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

WHEREAS, each May, our nation observes Older Americans Month to recognize and celebrate the many ways older adults contribute to the strength, vitality, and diversity of our communities; *and*

WHEREAS, older adults in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough continue to play essential roles as family members, volunteers, workers, mentors, and leaders—helping to shape a brighter future for all generations; *and*

WHEREAS, the 2025 theme for Older Americans Month, “*Flip the Script on Aging*,” challenges outdated stereotypes and recognizes the full spectrum of aging, highlighting the strength, independence, and potential that older adults embody every day; *and*

WHEREAS, the Borough supports policies and programs that promote healthy aging, lifelong learning, and civic engagement, and is committed to ensuring that older residents are respected, included, and supported in all aspects of community life; *and*

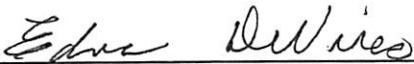
WHEREAS, we commend the dedication of caregivers, senior organizations, healthcare professionals, and community members who work together to serve and empower older Alaskans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Edna DeVries, Mayor of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, do hereby recognize the month of **May 2025** as

Older Americans Month

in the Borough and encourage all residents to join in honoring the contributions of older adults and embracing opportunities to “flip the script” on aging in our community.

Dated this 5th day of May, 2025.


EDNA DeVRIES, Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

