

**CLAYTON COUNTY OBSERVES  
OLDER AMERICANS MONTH  
MAY 2013**

- WHEREAS:** Clayton County is a community that includes over fifty-thousand citizens aged 60 and older; and
- WHEREAS:** The older adults in Clayton County are among our most “treasured resources,” united by historical experiences, strengthened by diversity, and interpreting events through varied perspectives and backgrounds to bring wisdom and insight to our community; and
- WHEREAS:** An increasing number of adults are reaching retirement age and remaining strong and active for longer than ever before; and
- WHEREAS:** The older adults in Clayton County deserve recognition for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to the culture, economy, and character of our community and our nation; and
- WHEREAS:** Our community can provide that recognition and respect by improving the quality of life for older Americans by:
- Increasing their opportunities to remain active and engaged in community life;
  - Providing individualized services and support systems to maintain the dignity, independence, and self-determination of older Americans as they age;
  - Combating ageist attitudes by honoring their past, present, and future contributions and recognizing older adults as a valuable asset in strengthening American communities; now
- THEREFORE:** I, Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim **May 2013** as **Older Americans Month** in Clayton County, Georgia. I urge every citizen to take time this month to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and volunteers who care for them. Our recognition and involvement of older Americans can enrich our entire community’s quality of life.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia, to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year two thousand thirteen.

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Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman