



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**PROCLAMATION**  
**OLDER PENNSYLVANIANS MONTH**  
**May 2013**

*WHEREAS, There are 2.7 million citizens aged 60 and older in Pennsylvania whose health, independence and quality of life are key elements in our state's well-being and this month marks 50 years that Older Pennsylvanians Month has been continuously celebrated; and*

*WHEREAS, our society is enhanced by the spirit of volunteerism practiced by older adults leading by example and helping through their interest and regard for children, youth and adults from other generations; thus exemplifying the fruits of a disciplined life, showing others how giving sustains their own vitality and sense of joy in community; and*

*WHEREAS, older adults are the roots from which our state grows, and they bestow the lessons of our shared history of service and industry – bringing their gifts of wisdom and insight to fellow Pennsylvanians; and*

*WHEREAS, our elders should be commended for their role in contributing to the enduring fiber of our communities and nation which makes the Commonwealth a great place to live and age well; and*

*WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Aging, in conjunction with the 52 Area Agencies on Aging, provides programs and services that promote good health, quality of life and social participation to 960,000 adults on an annual basis, thereby protecting our elders who are a great source of wisdom and guidance for our society; and*

*WHEREAS, within our Commonwealth, older adults have ample opportunities to enhance their bodies and minds, through an array of activities such as cultivation of a garden, lending a helping hand to a neighbor, gracious acts of kindness, the preparation of a meal with family or friends and the dynamic spirit of May 2013 – volunteering.*

*THEREFORE, I, Tom Corbett, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim May 2013 as OLDER PENNSYLVANIANS MONTH. I urge all citizens to take time this month to honor our older adults by engaging them through enjoyable social interactions such as sports, games, contests and other forms of lighthearted activity.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this thirtieth day of April in the Year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirty-seventh.*

*Tom Corbett*  
**TOM CORBETT**  
Governor