

**City of Yachats - Proclamation**

**Older Americans Month - May 2008**

**WHEREAS**, Yachats is home to more than 250 citizens aged 60 years or older; and

**WHEREAS**, older adults in Yachats and throughout the U.S. are a growing population with evolving needs; and

**WHEREAS**, older Americans are valuable members of our society who are rich with experience and deserving of our respect; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of baby boomers reaching traditional retirement age continues to increase, a fact that spotlights the need for increased attention to the needs of older adults; and

**WHEREAS**, our older citizens of today and tomorrow promise to be among the most active and engaged older adult populations in our Nation's history; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of this and all U.S. communities to work together and prepare for changing older adult populations by modernizing systems of care and providing consumers with more control over their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, overall quality of life can be greatly enhanced when supportive communities help their older citizens obtain:

Evidence-based approaches to making behavioral changes that can reduce risk of disease, disability, and injury.

The tools to make informed decisions about, and gain better access to, existing health and long-term care options.

More options to avoid placement in nursing homes and remain at home as long as possible.

**NOW THEREFORE WE**, the Yachats City Council, does hereby proclaim the month of May 2008 as Older Americans Month. We urge everyone to take time this May to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and citizens who care for older adults. We urge all citizens/communities to work collaboratively to strengthen the services Yachats provides to its older adults in ways that recognize the changing nature of their needs, and that provide older adults with more opportunities to make informed choices about their lives. Our efforts can improve the lives of our older citizens and help pave the way for future generations.

Dated this 8th day of May, 2008.

Attest:

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Susanne Smith, Mayor

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Nancy Batchelder, City Recorder