

## PROCLAMATION OLDER AMERICANS MONTH <u>OLDER AMERICANS: NEVER TOO OLD TO PLAY!</u> MAY 2012

Whereas, 10, 269 citizens aged 65 and over make their home in Benton County, 17,967 in Linn County, and 9,989 in Lincoln County; and

Whereas, The City of Yachats is committed to helping all individuals maintain their health and independence in later life; and

**Whereas,** the older adults in Yachats have an important role in sharing knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of the history of our community through interactions with children, youth, and adults from other generations; and

**Whereas,** the fruits of knowledge and experience can be effectively transferred from generation to generation through meaningful social interactions; and

Whereas, their interactions with family, friends, and neighbors across generations enrich the lives of everyone involved; and

Whereas, our community can provide opportunities to enrich citizens young and old by:

- Emphasizing the value of including elders in public and family life
- Creating opportunities for older Americans to interact with people of different generations
- Providing services, technologies, and support systems that allow older adults to participate in social activities in the community

**Now Therefore,** the City Council of Yachats does hereby proclaim May 2012 to be Older Americans Month. We urge every citizen to take time this month to engage with our older citizens through enjoyable social interactions such as sports, games, contests, and other forms of play.

Date this 10th day of May 2012

Attest:

Ronald L. Brean, Mayor

Nancy Batchelder, City Recorder