



**Proclamation
Proclaiming August 21, 2024 as
“National Senior Citizens Day”**

WHEREAS, on August 21, 1988, then President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the day National Senior Citizens Day with Proclamation #5847, stating “For all they have achieved throughout life and for all they continue to accomplish, we owe older citizens our thanks and a heartfelt salute. We can best demonstrate our gratitude and esteem by making sure that our communities are good places in which to mature and grow older — places in which older people can participate to the fullest and can find the encouragement, acceptance, assistance, and services they need to continue to lead lives of independence and dignity.”; and

WHEREAS, many traditions exist when it comes to senior citizens as many of our traditions growing up were set by them; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 the number of people aged 60 and above outnumbered children younger than five years; and

WHEREAS, by year 2050, the increase in population of 60+-year-olds will be 22%; and

WHEREAS, 3.6% of people over 65 years old are in nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, 4 in 5 older adults will battle at least one chronic illness; and

WHEREAS, 50% of elderly people battle at least two chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, one in three elderly people do not get any physical activity at age 75 and above; and

WHEREAS, over 1/3 of federally subsidized housing is occupied by elderly people; and

WHEREAS, senior citizens are the fastest growing demographic on the social platform Facebook; and

WHEREAS, elderly family and friends have a lifetime’s worth of experiences and stories are and are an invaluable resource for wisdom, knowledge and advice; and

WHEREAS, senior citizens make more charitable donations than any other age group, volunteer their time and look out for their loved ones

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Ronnie I. Currin, Mayor, do hereby proclaim the 21st day of August 2024 as “National Senior Citizens Day” in Rolesville and from this day and beyond, we call upon all Rolesville citizens to celebrate older adults for their contributions, support their independence, and recognize their unparalleled value to our community.

ADOPTED August 6, 2024.

Ronnie I. Currin, Mayor