WHEREAS, Maryland includes a growing number of older Americans, who have built resilience and strength over their lives through successes and difficulties; and

WHEREAS, Maryland benefits when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds are included and encouraged to share their successes and stories of resilience; and

WHEREAS, Maryland recognizes our need to nurture ourselves, reinforce our strength, and continue to thrive in times of both joy and difficulty; and

WHEREAS, Maryland can foster communities of strength by: creating opportunities to share stories and learn from each other; engaging older adults through education, recreation, and service; and encouraging people of all ages and abilities to celebrate connections and resilience; and

WHEREAS, All Marylanders are urged to recognize older adults and the people who support them as essential contributors to the strength of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MAY 2021 as OLDER MARYLANDERS MONTH in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, this 1st day of May Two Thousand and twenty-one