

# OLDER AMERICANS MONTH



## TOWN OF QUARTZSITE COMMON COUNCIL PROCLAMATION

### OLDER AMERICANS MONTH MAY 2016

*Whereas, the Town of Quartzsite includes a thriving community of older Americans who deserve recognition for their contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for future generations; and*

*Whereas, the Town of Quartzsite is committed to helping all individuals live longer, healthier lives in the communities of their choice for as long as possible; and*

*Whereas, since 1965, the Older Americans Act has provided services that help older adults remain healthy and independent by complementing existing medical and health care systems, helping prevent hospital readmissions, and supporting some of life's most basic functions, such as bathing or preparing meals; and*

*Whereas, these programs also support family caregivers, address issues of exploitation, neglect and abuse of older adults, and adapt services to the needs of Native American elders; and*

*Whereas, we recognize the value of community engagement and service in helping older adults remain healthy and active while giving back to others; and*

*Whereas, our community can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by:*

- *Promoting and engaging in activity, wellness, and social inclusion.*
- *Emphasizing home- and community-based services that support independent living.*
- *Ensuring community members of all ages benefit from the contributions and experience of older adults.*

*Now therefore, we, the Common Council of Quartzsite, AZ, do hereby proclaim May 2016 to be Older Americans Month. We urge every resident to take time this month to celebrate older adults and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital individuals who greatly contribute to the community.*

Ed Foster, Mayor

*Given under my hand in these free United States in the Town of Quartzsite, Arizona, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year Two Thousand Sixteen; and to which I have caused the Seal of the Town of Quartzsite to be affixed and have made this proclamation public.*

ATTEST:

Tina M. Abriani, Town Clerk