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Commissioners recognize May as Older Americans Month

During the Commissioners General Session meeting on May 24, Franklin County Commissioners presented a resolution to the Franklin County Office on Aging in recognition of Older Americans Month. Older Americans Month is observed each year during the month of May.

Each May since 1963, people across the country have come together to celebrate the contributions of older Americans – wisdom, experience and the will to realize their dreams and speak their minds. Older Americans Month is an opportunity to show appreciation of and offer support to seniors as they continue to enrich and strengthen our communities.

Thanks to advances in health care, education, technology and financial stability over the last several decades, older Americans are more active in community life than ever before.

The Franklin County Office on Aging administers the Franklin County Senior Options program to help county residents over the age of 60 maintain their independence through home-delivered meals, homemaker services, personal and respite care, adult day care and minor home repair.

More than 5,500 older adults receive Senior Options services in Franklin County each month.

“Franklin County’s seniors are dedicated to giving back and making a difference in our communities,” said Commissioner Marilyn Brown. “Each day we witness seniors guiding the minds of our youth and everyone benefits from having older adults engaged and active in our community.”

“We are blessed to have so many gifted older-Americans right here in Central Ohio,” said Commissioner Paula Brooks. “We should be celebrating them every single day. They have been tremendous assets and mentors for all of us.”

“Since 1993, Senior Options has provided supportive services to Franklin County seniors and to those family members and friends who have the important, but often difficult, task of caring for them. As older adults continue to enrich our families and communities, we recognize their contributions as well as those who help them maintain their independence,” said Commissioner John O’Grady.

For additional information about the services provided by the Franklin County Office on Aging and the Senior Options Program, contact 614-525-6200.

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From L-R: Commissioner Paula Brooks; Antonia Carroll, Director, Franklin County Office on Aging; Brenda Burris; Commissioner Marilyn Brown; and Commissioner John O'Grady