

**PROCLAMATION  
OLDER AMERICANS MONTH  
MAY 2013**

WHEREAS, the City of Ashland, Alabama is home to more than five hundred citizens 60 years of age or older, and

WHEREAS, the older citizens of Ashland represent a dramatic trend in our nation's demographic make up; and

WHEREAS, older persons are diverse, respected citizens who continue to contribute to our nation's social and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of baby boomers are rapidly becoming older citizens, and the number of individuals providing care to family members and friends is expanding significantly; and

WHEREAS, the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead require us to think differently about health and long term care, and work together to re-balance and modernize our current systems so that we may adequately plan for and address the needs of current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, older persons are entitled to live lives of dignity and independence through:

Streamlined access to information and community services;

Information about cost-effective prevention practices and activities that will improve health and quality of life, and

Innovative, affordable options of care and support that will provide an array of choices about how and where to live.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Ashland, Alabama does hereby proclaim May 2013 to be

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and urge all citizens to honor older adults, and those who care for them, during May and throughout the year. We urge all to promote and participate in activities that contribute to help older Americans make choices for a healthy and rewarding future.

Passed and adopted this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2013.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Bobbie J. Steed

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