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FRANK M. JORDAN, Secretary of State  
By *[Signature]*  
Assistant Secretary of State

P R O C L A M A T I O N

The greatness of California, its vast accomplishments and contributions to American life, are not solely the results of good fortune and the blessings of nature.

The greatest single force in propelling California to its present stature is the dedication and hard work of the people of our State. In that great effort of building and refinement, the Californians who are now our older citizens have had a large and significant part.

It is their due to share in the abundance and the progress which they helped to create and to continue contributing to the forward movement of California.

The elders of our community are enjoying the blessings of longer life and better health through the advances of science. Thus, the years are lengthened in which they can share with us the fruits of their age: wisdom and experience.

In the face of this increased life span, our rapidly advancing technology is shortening the average working life of the Californian and lessening the toil required to earn a living.

This development means earlier retirement for our elder citizens. It also can mean causing them increased difficulty in achieving the physical necessities for enjoying that retirement and increased isolation from active participation in the life of the community, an isolation harmful both to the individual elder citizen and to his community.

California has been a leader among the states in efforts to assure our retired citizens continued benefits from our increasing prosperity and opportunities for continued involvement in the affairs of our State.

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To sustain and reinforce these achievements, California must continue to plan and work through private citizens, local governments and state government.

In recognition of this need, and in the hope that each citizen will rededicate himself to this vital aim, I hereby proclaim the month of May as Senior Citizens Month and urge all citizens to join in its observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th day of April, A.D., One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-two.



*Richard J. Brown*  
Governor

WITNESSES:

*James W. Jordan*  
Secretary of State