



# PROCLAMATION

*OFFICE OF THE MAYOR*

**Older Americans Month  
Age Strong! Live Long  
May 2010**

**WHEREAS:** Older adults in Middletown Township are among of our most “treasured resources,” united by historical experiences, strengthened by diversity, and interpreting events through varied perspectives and backgrounds to bring wisdom and insight to our community; and

**WHEREAS:** Increasing numbers of adults are reaching retirement age and remaining strong and active for longer than ever before; and

**WHEREAS:** The older adults in Middletown Township deserve recognition for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to the culture, economy, and character of our community and our nation; and

**WHEREAS:** Our community can provide that recognition and respect by improving the quality of life for older Americans by increasing their opportunities to remain active and engaged in community life; providing individualized services and support systems to maintain the dignity, independence, and self-determination of older Americans as they age; and by combating ageist attitudes by honoring their past, present, and future contributions. Now

**THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Gerard P. Scharfenberger, and the Middletown Township Committee do hereby proclaim on April 19, 2010 that May 2010 is Older Americans Month in Middletown Township, New Jersey. We urge every citizen to take time this month to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and volunteers who care for many of them. Our recognition and involvement of older Americans can enrich our entire community’s quality of life.

Mayor Gerard P. Scharfenberger, Ph.D.