

**CLAYTON COUNTY RECOGNIZES
MAY AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**

- WHEREAS:** the Clayton County Board of Commissioners and Clayton County Senior Services are committed to helping all individuals maintain their health and independence throughout their later years in life; and
- WHEREAS:** Clayton County Senior Services includes over 45,000 citizens aged 55 and older; who possess an important role in sharing knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of the history of our community through interactions with children, youth, and adults from other generations; and
- WHEREAS:** the fruits of knowledge and experience can be effectively transferred from generation to generation through meaningful social interactions; and
- WHEREAS:** our community can provide opportunities to enrich citizens young and old by;
- Emphasizing the value of including elders in public and family life
 - Creating opportunities for older Americans to interact with people of different generations
 - Providing services, technologies, and support systems that allow older adults to participate in social activities in the community; and
- WHEREAS:** through the various programs and events offered by Senior Services such as the upcoming Mayfest Celebration on Friday, May 11, 2012 at Clayton County International Park, seniors are provided with the opportunity to fellowship with family, friends, and neighbors across generations, thereby enriching the lives of everyone involved; now
- THEREFORE:** I, ELDRIN BELL, Chairman of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim **May 2012** to be **Older Americans Month**. I urge every citizen to take time this month to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and volunteers who care for them. Our recognition of older Americans and their involvement in our lives can help us achieve stronger and more meaningful connections with each other and enrich our community's quality of life.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia, to be affixed this 1th day of May in the year two thousand twelve.

Eldrin Bell, Chairman