

# Honorary Proclamation



BILL RITTER, JR.  
GOVERNOR

## OLDER COLORADANS MONTH May 2009

*WHEREAS, approximately 781,000 Coloradans are 60 years of age and older, and approximately 500 are 100 years of age and older; and*

*WHEREAS, Colorado's population of persons 60 years of age and older is expected to rise to 1.3 million by the year 2020; and*

*WHEREAS, older Coloradans are living longer, healthier, and more productive lives than ever before; and*

*WHEREAS, older persons should live lives of dignity and independence, free from the fears, myths, and misconceptions about aging; and*

*WHEREAS, the State of Colorado recognizes the importance of utilizing the talents, creativity, and experience of our older citizens, and encourages maximum opportunities for their involvement in regular employment, volunteer service, civic affairs, and all aspects of community life; and*

*WHEREAS, it is appropriate to dedicate a month to honor our older Coloradans, as they are a needed and valued resource of our state;*

*Therefore, I, Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor of Colorado, do hereby proclaim May 2009,*

## OLDER COLORADANS MONTH

*in the State of Colorado.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the  
Executive Seal of the State of  
Colorado, this third day of February,  
2009*

*Bill Ritter Jr.*

Bill Ritter, Jr.  
Governor