



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Human Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Melody Woosley

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Celebrate San Antonio Seniors Month

SUMMARY:

Through this action, City Council approves a resolution to declare September *Celebrate San Antonio Seniors Month*, a designation that is held in concert with the annual National Senior Center Month.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Since 1973, the Department of Human Services has provided nutrition, wellness, education and other programming to help San Antonio's multi-generational senior community lead active, independent and engaged lives.

Currently, the Department of Human Services manages 10 comprehensive and 8 part-time nutrition sites and coordinates activities and operations at an additional 38 partner operated sites throughout San Antonio and Bexar County. Services are provided to 33,000 seniors annually in partnership with health care providers, local vendors and volunteers.

Annually, the Department of Human Services participates in National Senior Center Month by hosting an array of activities at City operated Senior Centers. In 1985, at the request of the National Institute of Senior Centers (NISC), President Ronald Reagan signed a Presidential Proclamation designating an annual Senior Center Week during the month of September. In 2007, NISC expanded the annual celebration from a week to the whole month of September.

ISSUE:

Through this resolution, City Council declares September as *Celebrate San Antonio Seniors Month*, an annual designation that will be held in concert with the nationally designated Senior Center Month.

Through the September *Celebrate San Antonio Seniors Month* designation, City Council affirms:

1. Appreciation for valuable contributions senior citizens have made and continue to make to the strength, vitality and strong character of our city;
2. Recognition of the positive contribution of senior experience, wisdom, time and talent for the well-being of the community and their volunteerism at City of San Antonio Senior Centers;
3. Commitment to encouraging seniors to connect with City of San Antonio Senior Centers to pursue healthy aging through initiatives that promote nutrition, exercise and preventative care;
4. Acknowledgement of the important role that Senior Centers play in assisting San Antonio's multi-generational senior community lead active, independent and engaged lives; and
5. Recognition of the contributions of community partners including non-profit, government, and medical providers to support the health and well-being of our seniors.

ALTERNATIVES:

City council could choose not to support this resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of a resolution declaring September *Celebrate San Antonio Seniors Month*.