

ASSEMBLY AGING AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION No. 56

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 6, 2024

The Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Joint Resolution No. 56.

This joint resolution designates May of each year as “Older Americans Month” in New Jersey to increase the public’s awareness and understanding of the numerous contributions of New Jersey’s older Americans and to rededicate our efforts to better serve the older Americans of New Jersey.

The contributions and sacrifices that older Americans have made to this State and country are immeasurable. It is fitting for younger generations to show immense respect and gratitude to their elders, especially now, as society exits a pandemic that has posed unique challenges for older Americans. Whether older Americans retire in their fifties and sixties or continue working into their seventies and eighties, it is important to revere their experience, wisdom, and accomplishments in the workplace and in society. Ensuring the State’s continued commitment to causes that help older Americans in New Jersey enjoy active, productive, and healthy lives safely and with dignity is paramount. Therefore, it is altogether fitting and proper to designate the month of May as “Older Americans Month” in New Jersey.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 2024-2025 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.