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City of Menifee Recognizes Older Americans Month & City Programs Supporting Menifee Seniors

Menifee, CA— In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson passed the Older Americans Act formally declaring May as Older Americans Month. Every president since has offered a formal proclamation declaring May as a time to remember and honor older Americans. The City of Menifee recognizes the countless contributions older adults make to our community and during the May 19, 2021 City Council meeting, May was proclaimed Older Americans Month in the City of Menifee. In addition, the proclamation was presented to the Menifee Senior Advisory Committee during their May 25, 2021 meeting.

Senior Center Coordinator, Aisha Jemmott-Wilson, shared that “declaring May Older Americans Month brings all generations together in a way that encourages physical, mental, and emotional well-being and provides an opportunity to recognize and celebrate older adults in our community for their important contributions to Menifee.”

During the Council Meeting, Community Services staff highlighted the importance of supporting our senior community by detailing the City of Menifee’s wide variety of senior programs conducted even in the midst of the pandemic. The Kay Cenicerros Senior Center transitioned from congregate meals to “Grab & Go” lunches, providing over 101,000 meals to Menifee residents. A monthly Food Box Program was also initiated providing seniors 60 and older with a 30-pound food box each month.

The City team also emphasized the social aspect of the Senior Center and how important it was to continue beloved events. “Our events are a highlight of the Senior Center and we wanted to be able to safely continue these events throughout the pandemic,” shared Jemmott-Wilson. Over 120 participants attended Kay Cenicerros’ special drive-thru-style events, ranging from Grandparents Day, to a Halloween Lunch, to Drive-in Bingo.

In addition to the special presentations and proclamation, the City’s Community Services Department held an Older Americans appreciation day drive-thru event that took place on May 24. The event was a celebration to honor older adults and their contributions to their community. The Drive-thru event provided resources for older adults, coffee provided by the local Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, and gift certificates for a car wash thanks to Tommy’s Car Wash.

For more information about programming and resources for Menifee seniors, visit www.cityofmenifee.us/349/Kay-Cenicerros-Senior-Center.

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ABOUT MENIFEE: *Situated in the heart of southern Riverside County along Interstate 215, Menifee is a vibrant, new city of more than 100,000 residents who enjoy a pleasant year-round climate, abundant recreational offerings, reasonably priced housing, and convenient proximity to some of Southern California’s premiere attractions and employment centers. Within its 50 square miles, Menifee’s business, retail, and entertainment outlets are starting to shape the community’s character and this growing economic base is also contributing favorably to the city’s strong financial position. Menifee’s growing family-oriented population values the city’s ongoing commitment to public safety, community events, and smart growth for the future. All of these elements are working together to support the city’s strategic vision to make Menifee one of the state’s most promising new cities.*