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Vermont Celebrates Older Americans Month

On Friday, May 25, 2018 at 11:00am, Governor Phil Scott will host a press conference declaring May 2018 as Older Americans Month in Vermont. The Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL), community partners, and congressional delegation representatives will also be in attendance. Older Americans Month is a time to honor the diverse contributions – from entrepreneurship to volunteerism to civic engagement and the creative arts – that older Vermonters make each and every day to help our communities thrive. It also recognizes the critical role that the Older Americans Act programs, like Meals on Wheels, play in helping older Vermonters to age in place. The Governor will be reading the Older Americans Month proclamation and will sign [H.608](#), state legislation that forms a working group to develop an Older Vermonters Act, outlining the coordinated system of supports and services for older Vermonters and family caregivers. This event will also highlight a collaborative initiative with DAIL, the Attorney General’s office, Community of Vermont Elders and ORCA Media called “[Stay Savvy Vermont](#),” a series of PSA videos designed to raise awareness and prevent financial exploitation of older Vermonters.

WHAT: Celebration of Older Americans Month

WHEN: Friday, May 25, 2018
Proclamation Reading at 11:00am
Remarks to follow

WHERE: Governor’s Ceremonial Office, State House

WHY: Honoring the contributions of older Vermonters

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The Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living’s mission is to make Vermont the best state to grow old or live with a disability – with dignity, respect and independence.

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