

*NATIONAL SENIOR CENTER MONTH  
PROCLAMATION BY THE SELECT BOARD*

**WHEREAS:** SINCE 2007, NATIONAL SENIOR CENTER MONTH IS CELEBRATED EVERY YEAR IN SEPTEMBER, AS RECOGNIZED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON AGING AND NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SENIOR CENTERS (NISC), TO CELEBRATE SENIOR CENTERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND THE INCREDIBLE WORK THEY DO TO ENRICH AND EXTEND THE LIVES OF OLDER ADULTS; AND

**WHEREAS:** THE SWAMPSCOTT SENIOR CENTER IS COMMITTED TO BEING AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY AND WELCOMING OF ALL PEOPLE, REGARDLESS OF THEIR RACE, RELIGION, SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY AND RECOGNIZES THAT WE ARE A DIVERSE COMMUNITY; AND

**WHEREAS:** THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT SUPPORTS THE RIGHTS OF EVERY CITIZEN TO EXPERIENCE EQUALITY AND FREEDOM FROM DISCRIMINATION; AND

**WHEREAS:** THE ORIGIN OF NATIONAL SENIOR CENTER MONTH CAN BE FOUND IN NATIONAL SENIOR CENTER WEEK, WHICH WAS FIRST CELEBRATED ANNUALLY IN MAY 1979 TO RECOGNIZE THE MORE THAN 10,000 SENIOR CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE NATION AND GAIN WIDE SUPPORT THROUGH ORGANIZATION SUCH AS THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON AGING, THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS AGING TASK FORCE AND THE FULL SENATE AND HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING; AND

**WHEREAS:** IN 1985, PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN SIGNED THE FIRST SENIOR CENTER WEEK PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SENIOR CENTERS (NISC) AND BY 2007 THE IDEA BEHIND NATIONAL SENIOR CENTER WEEK BECAME SO POPULAR THAT NISC EXPANDED THE CELEBRATION OF SENIOR CENTERS TO AN ENTIRE MONTH BY DESIGNATING EACH SEPTEMBER TO BE THE MONTH OF CELEBRATION; AND

**WHEREAS:** IN 2021, THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT APPOINTED A FULL-TIME DIRECTOR TO LEAD THE SENIOR CENTER AND HAS DOUBLED ITS BUDGET; AND

**WHEREAS:** THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT HAS A SENIOR CENTER THAT FOCUSES ON SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS BY PROVIDING SENIORS WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF ENRICHING PROGRAMMING, NUTRITIOUS MEALS AND LOW-COST TRANSPORTATION; AND

**WHEREAS:** THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT IS PROUD OF OUR EXPANDING SENIOR COMMUNITY AND UNDERSTANDS THAT SENIOR CENTERS ARE PARAMOUNT TO THE OVERALL HEALTH OF OUR SENIOR CITIZENS PARTICULARLY AS THE CENTER STRIVES TO ENGAGE WITH ISOLATED SENIORS, BRINGING THEM INTO COMMUNITY; AND

**WHEREAS:** SWAMPSCOTT IS EMBARKING ON AN ENDEAVOR TO CREATE A STATE-OF-THE-ART CENTER FOR ALL AGES DESIGNED TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF SENIORS TOGETHER WITH ALL GENERATIONS IN ONE COMMUNITY CENTER; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND EACH OF THE BELOW SELECT BOARD MEMBERS IN THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT, WE HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS

*NATIONAL SENIOR CENTER MONTH*

IN THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT, MASSACHUSETTS AND ENCOURAGE ALL FAITH BASED AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS TO ACKNOWLEDGE, HONOR, VALUE AND CELEBRATE OLDER ADULTS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY AND TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THOSE WHO SERVE THEM DAILY.

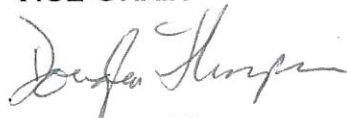
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED TO BE AFFIXED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT, MASSACHUSETTS, THIS 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023

SWAMPSCOTT SELECT BOARD

  
DAVID GRISHMAN  
CHAIR

  
PETER SPELLIOS

  
CATHERINE PHELAN  
VICE CHAIR

  
DOUGLAS THOMPSON

  
MARY ELLEN FLETCHER

  
SEAN FITZGERALD  
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

