

SCR-104

Older Americans Month



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Executive Summary

SCR-104, introduced by Senator Nguyen during the 2023-2024 Regular Session of the California Legislature, is a Senate Concurrent Resolution that aims to designate May 2024 as Older Americans Month. This resolution seeks to honor and celebrate the vital contributions of older adults to the state of California. It encourages all Californians to treat older adults with compassion and respect, acknowledging their significant impact on society.

The resolution highlights the role of older adults in fostering inclusivity, diversity, and cultural competency within the state. It also emphasizes the efforts of the California Senior Legislature. This organization has been advocating for the needs of older adults since 1981, focusing on social services, long-term health, and housing and development issues.

SCR-104 underscores the growing senior population in California, noting that thousands of Californians turn 65 years of age each day. It projects an increase in the number of Californians over 60 years old from 7.6 million individuals to 10.8 million by the year 2050. The resolution also points out the diversity within the senior population, with people of color expected to make up over half of California's senior population by 2035 and the Latino and Asian-Pacific Islander communities being the fastest-growing racial and ethnic older adult populations. Additionally, it recognizes that women constitute most of California's older population.

The resolution addresses the state's commitment to elder justice, which ensures the proper and equitable treatment of older adults in all aspects of life. It highlights the state's Master Plan on Aging, which aims to create streamlined access to care, develop an appropriately trained and competent workforce, and ensure that older adults can age in their homes with dignity.

By officially recognizing May 2024 as Older Americans Month, SCR-104 aims to raise public awareness about the needs and contributions of older adults. It advocates for increased participation in services and activities that contribute to their health, welfare, and happiness, thereby fostering a more inclusive and supportive community for this growing demographic.

In summary, SCR-104 is a significant resolution that not only honors the contributions of older adults but also underscores the importance of addressing their needs through public awareness, advocacy, and supportive services. This recognition is crucial as California prepares for a substantial increase in its senior population in the coming decades, ensuring that older adults continue to be valued and supported community members.



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Our Position

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 104 (SCR-104) designates May 2024 as Older Americans Month in California, urging all Californians to recognize and treat older adults with compassion and respect. The resolution highlights the vital contributions of older adults to the community, including fostering inclusivity, diversity, and cultural competency. It emphasizes the importance of elder justice, ensuring the equitable treatment of older adults in all aspects of life. Additionally, SCR-104 recognizes the state's rapidly growing senior population, noting that the number of Californians aged 60 and over is projected to increase significantly by 2050. The resolution also acknowledges that people of color will constitute over half of California's senior population by 2035 and that women comprise most of this demographic.

Elderly Care Everywhere strongly supports SCR-104 because it aligns with our mission to advocate for seniors' health, welfare, and happiness. By officially recognizing May 2024 as Older Americans Month, SCR-104 promotes public awareness about the significance of older adults and the need for comprehensive services and activities that contribute to their well-being. Our organization believes that honoring seniors and addressing their needs is crucial for their dignity and quality of life. This resolution supports our goals of ensuring seniors receive the respect, recognition, and resources they deserve, enabling them to age with dignity and remain active, valued community members.

SCR-104 goes further by recognizing the critical role of older adults in fostering inclusivity and diversity within the state. The resolution emphasizes that elder justice ensures the proper and equitable treatment of older adults in all aspects of life. This aspect is fundamental to the values of Elderly Care Everywhere. This acknowledgment is significant as it underscores the need for policies and practices that protect seniors from discrimination and abuse, ensuring their rights are upheld in every facet of society. By highlighting these issues, SCR-104 encourages legislative and community actions aligned with our advocacy for a society that respects and supports its elderly members.

Moreover, SCR-104 acknowledges the demographic shifts within California's senior population, noting that people of color will make up over half of the senior population by 2035. This recognition is vital as it points to the need for culturally competent services catering to older adults' diverse backgrounds. Elderly Care Everywhere supports SCR-104 as it aligns with our commitment to promoting cultural competency in senior care services. We believe that recognizing the unique needs of a diverse senior population will lead to more effective and inclusive policies that ensure all older adults, regardless of their background, receive the support and respect they deserve. By backing SCR-104, we are advocating for a future where senior citizens are valued, and their contributions to society are celebrated, fostering a community where they can thrive.



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Letter of Support for SCR-104

The Honorable Blanca Pacheco, Chair
Assembly Committee on Rules
1021 O Street, Suite 6250
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for SCR 104

Dear Chair Pacheco and Members of the
Committee,

On behalf of Elderly Care Everywhere, I am writing to express our strong support for SCR 104, which recognizes May 2024 as Older Americans Month and encourages all Californians to honor and engage with older adults.

SCR 104 is crucial for acknowledging the significant contributions that older adults have made and continue to make in our communities. By designating May as Older Americans Month, this resolution promotes awareness and appreciation for the diverse and rich experiences of older adults in California. It also serves as a call to action for individuals, organizations, and policymakers to prioritize our senior population's health, welfare, and happiness.

California's senior population is rapidly growing, with projections indicating an increase from 7.6 million individuals over 60 to 10.8 million by 2050. This demographic shift underscores the need for a comprehensive approach to supporting older adults, particularly through initiatives like the proposed master plan on aging. Furthermore, SCR 104 highlights the importance of elder justice and equitable treatment in all aspects of life. It acknowledges the unique challenges older adults face, including those from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, and emphasizes the need for culturally competent care and services. This resolution is a step towards ensuring that all older Californians can age with dignity and respect.

We strongly urge you to support SCR 104 and join us in celebrating the contributions of older adults throughout the state. This resolution recognizes their past achievements and commits to their future well-being.

Sincerely,
Aakrisht Mehra
Founder/CEO
Elderly Care Everywhere



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About Elderly Care Everywhere

Elderly Care Everywhere is a transformative nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of senior citizens. Since its inception, the organization has positively impacted over 40,000 seniors through a variety of programs aimed at enhancing their quality of life.

Elderly Care Everywhere has been instrumental in alleviating hundreds of thousands of dollars in medical debt, ensuring that seniors have access to the healthcare they need without the burden of financial stress. With more than 20 chapters across the United States, the organization extends its reach and resources to numerous communities, providing support and advocacy on a national scale.

Beyond U.S. borders, Elderly Care Everywhere has established flood relief camps in India, showcasing its commitment to global humanitarian efforts. The organization's impactful work has been recognized by the government of New Delhi, further highlighting its significant contributions to senior care and welfare. Through these efforts, Elderly Care Everywhere continues to lead the way in senior advocacy, ensuring that the elderly are treated with dignity and respect worldwide.

Thank you for your support of SCR-104. If you have any questions, feel free to email us at connect@elderlycaeverywhere.org