

**WHEREAS,** Calhoun County includes a thriving community that includes over 28,500 citizens aged 60 and over who enrich and strengthen our community; and

**WHEREAS,** Battle Creek is committed to engaging and supporting older adults, their families, and caregivers; and

**WHEREAS,** Calhoun County Senior Services, CareWell Services Southwest (Region 3B Area Agency on Aging), and other service providers for older adults are committed to raising awareness about issues faced by seniors age 60 and over, and to helping all individuals to thrive in communities of their choice for as long as possible; and

**WHEREAS,** our community provides opportunities to enrich the lives of older adults by promoting community-based services that support independent living; involving older adults in community planning, events, and other activities; providing opportunities for older adults to exercise, be as healthy and active as possible, work, volunteer, learn, lead, and mentor;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark A. Behnke, Mayor of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2018, as

**“OLDER AMERICANS MONTH”**

and further proclaim May 16, 2018, as

**“OLDER MICHIGANIANS DAY”**

and May 17, 2018, as

**“CALHOUN COUNTY CENTENARIANS’ DAY”**

in the greater Battle Creek area.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Logo of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan, to be affixed this 15th day of May 2018.



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Mark A. Behnke, Mayor