

Proclamation

- Whereas,* every year, *National Senior Citizens Day* is celebrated on August 21st and recognizes seniors who have spent their lives contributing to society and have impacted everyone's lives for the better; and
- Whereas,* President Ronald Reagan took the initiative to honor seniors in 1988 when he signed Proclamation 5847 and marked August 21st as the day seniors will be celebrated. Reagan proclaimed, "For all they have achieved throughout life and for all they continue to accomplish, we owe older citizens our thanks and a heartfelt salute. We can best demonstrate our gratitude and esteem, by making sure that our communities are good places in which to mature and grow older—places in which older people can participate to the fullest and can find the encouragement, acceptance, assistance, and services they need to continue to lead lives of independence and dignity,"; and
- Whereas,* our senior citizens have accumulated a wealth of knowledge, skills, and experience that enrich our society and provide valuable guidance for younger generations; and
- Whereas,* it is essential to recognize the importance of social connection, lifelong learning, and active participation for older adults to thrive; and
- Whereas,* in Manhattan Beach, seniors are active in the community as well as continuing to have a strong presence in the workforce; and
- Whereas,* the senior years are a time of continued growth and opportunity for older Americans.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that I, Joe Franklin, Mayor of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Manhattan Beach, do hereby proclaim August 21, 2026, as

National Senior Citizens Day

and encourage all citizens to recognize the value and contributions of senior citizens and to create supportive communities where they can thrive with access to the necessary resources for independent and dignified lives.

Dated this 4th day of August, 2026.

ATTEST:

City Clerk Liza Tamura

Mayor Joe Franklin

