

*Joint Resolution
Governor Gavin Newsom
California State Board of Equalization*

Older Americans Month Resolution Honoring State Employee

May Lee

***Whereas**, every seven seconds, one of America's 78 million Baby Boomers celebrates their 60th birthday, meaning 10 thousand people a day become "seniors;" and*

***Whereas**, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's National Population Projections, by 2035, Americans over age sixty-five will outnumber children under age eighteen, 78 million to 76.7 million; and*

***Whereas**, California is home to a growing number of older Americans who enrich our community through their diverse life experiences; and*

***Whereas**, Governor Newsom and the California State Board of Equalization are committed to strengthening our communities by connecting with and supporting older adults, their families, and caregivers and acknowledging their many valuable contributions to society; and*

***Whereas**, Governor Newsom and the California State Board of Equalization recognize the importance of bringing together all generations and engaging in activities that promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being for the benefit of all; and*

***Whereas**, tens of thousands of older Americans continue to work for the State of California in a wide variety of occupations; and*

***Whereas**, May Lee at ninety-eight years old is the oldest working individual in State employment, having worked for the State of California for seventy-*

six years, starting her career on June 7, 1943 in the Department of Finance and continuing through today at the Department of General Services (DGS);

***Whereas,** May Lee retired on June 30, 1990, but has continued as a Retired Annuitant and a volunteer currently working four days a week from 6:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., for the last twenty-nine years;*

***Whereas,** May Lee's fiscal expertise and historic knowledge of the DGS budgeting process has enabled her to successfully complete several major DGS building project reconciliations;*

***Whereas,** May Lee's sharp mind and attention to detail has led her to create new or improved existing processes which enhance the effectiveness of DGS operations, including decreasing expenditures or generating revenue;*

***Whereas,** May Lee has served under ten California Governors from Earl Warren to Gavin Newsom, trained and mentored seven Directors and Deputy Directors of different State Agencies, and has been responsible for writing multiple sections of the Government Code;*

***Whereas,** May Lee has demonstrated exceptional dedication and distinguished service to California throughout her career;*

***Now, therefore, be it resolved that** Governor Gavin Newsom and the California State Board of Equalization hereby recognize May Lee as the oldest Californian working in State government and thank her for her dedicated seventy-six years of service to the people of the State of California;*

***Now, therefore, be it further resolved that** Governor Gavin Newsom and the California State Board of Equalization hereby proclaim May 2019 to be Older Americans Month. Governor Newsom and the California State Board of Equalization urge **every** Californian to take time during this month to recognize older adults and honor them as essential and valuable members of our state.*

Adopted at Sacramento, California, this twenty-ninth day of May 2019, by the California State Board of Equalization.