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MAY IS OLDER VIRGINIANS MONTH

(RICHMOND, Va.)—A proclamation by Gov. Bob McDonnell calls on Virginians to recognize older adults for their role in the rich fabric of the Commonwealth’s diverse communities.

The Governor has designated the month of May as a special time to honor and recognize Virginia’s older citizens. The Commonwealth’s current population of more than 1 million Virginians age 65 and older will grow to almost 2 million by 2030, when one in every five Virginians will be age 65 and older.

“The theme this year pays homage to the many ways in which older adults bring inspiration and continuity to our communities,” said Interim Commissioner Jim Rothrock of Virginia’s Department for the Aging. “Their shared histories, diverse experiences and wealth of knowledge have made our culture, economy and local character what they are today.”

This year’s proclamation noted the upcoming Commonwealth’s “Blueprint for Livable Communities” initiative, which aims to make Virginia a national leader in preparing for the growing needs of an aging Baby Boomer population. A draft of the Blueprint will be presented to the General Assembly in June.

To learn about community events celebrating Older Virginians Month in your area, contact your local Area Agency on Aging and visit the VDA website at www.vda.virginia.gov/aaalist.asp. For more about the upcoming Blueprint, go to www.drs.virginia.gov/downloads/AgeinActionSpring2011.pdf.

