

# Proclamation



## DC VILLAGES DAY

FEBRUARY 15, 2022

**WHEREAS**, Villages are a thriving, nationwide network of more than 300 neighborhood-based, membership organizations that coordinate the essential services necessary to allow aging adults to live independently and remain in their homes as long as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village model is a cost-effective, sustainable solution for healthy vibrant aging and an effective, grassroots response to our nation's and our city's burgeoning senior population which requires supplemental resources and services; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington, DC is home to 13 DC Villages that work to ensure that DC seniors have access to transportation, health and wellness programs, in-home assistance, home repairs, social and educational activities and more; and

**WHEREAS**, DC Village seniors provide many of necessary services themselves, thereby reducing their sense of isolation and greatly improving their interdependence, health and sense of purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, all 13 DC Villages are members of the national Village movement marking the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the nation's very first Village was established in Boston, MA in 2002:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC** do hereby proclaim February 15, 2022, as "DC VILLAGES DAY!" in Washington, DC.

