

# The City of Holland, Michigan



## Proclamation

**Whereas**, 40 years ago, the Ed and Elsa Prince Family had a bold vision: a place where older adults could flourish -- the very women and men who helped shape Holland, Michigan into the thriving community it is today; and

**Whereas**, the Evergreen Commons mission is bold and unwavering: to inspire older adults to live their fullest lives by disrupting the way people age; and

**Whereas**, Evergreen Commons is a non-profit community organization for older adults in West Michigan, a place where physical, mental, emotional, and social wellness programming empowers a place of belonging, meaning, and purpose -- a hallmark of excellence in serving the community; and

**Whereas**, Evergreen Commons has grown to serve over 5,300 members annually through initiatives that include enrichment, in arts, music, nutrition classes, physical wellness, personal training, wood shop, travel, caregiver support, and many other opportunities; and

**Whereas**, the Evergreen Commons' Resource Center helps older adults, and their families navigate resources needed to live longer and live better for longer; and

**Whereas**, the city's mission is to maximize livability, we find in Evergreen Commons a beacon shining a light on older adults with our vision for an inclusive community as they disrupt the way people age; and

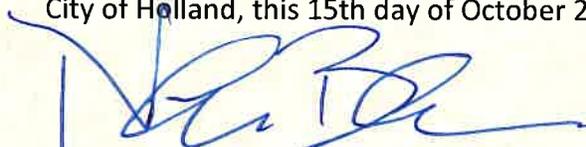
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Nathan Bocks, Mayor of the City of Holland, Michigan, and members of the Holland City Council, do hereby proclaim the

### **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Evergreen Commons**

We invite the community to stand in solidarity with Evergreen Commons and their members to redefine aging in our community for residents as they **Celebrate 40 Years and Forward**, on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at Evergreen Commons.



Given under my hand and the seal of the  
City of Holland, this 15th day of October 2025

  
Mayor Nathan Bocks