

Proclamation



WORLD HEALTH DAY

APRIL 12, 2012

WHEREAS, life expectancy increased in North, South and Central America by more than 20 years in just the last half-century and by 2020, the Americas will have 200 million older people; and

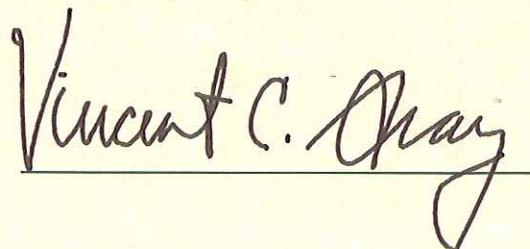
WHEREAS, international and local communities face extraordinary health challenges in response to the aging population and older adults have a right to access suitable health care, age-friendly environments and community resources that foster healthy longevity; and

WHEREAS, citizens of the global community, in partnership with older adults, must step forward and take action to reinvent aging in our society; and

WHEREAS, healthier and more active lives of older adults can be achieved through evidence-based public policy development, changes to healthcare systems, and training of human resources; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia joins the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization to improve the health of older adults and encourage aging health initiatives:

NOW THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim April 12, 2012, as "WORLD HEALTH DAY" in Washington, D.C.



Vincent C. Gray