

**Resolution in Support of City Participation in  
the AARP Age-Friendly Livable Communities Program**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council acknowledge the health and safety of residents of all ages in the City of College Park is of the highest concern; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States population of persons aged 65 and older is expected to increase from 12 percent to 20 percent by the year 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, in the City of College Park, the population of residents ages 50 and up is over 15 percent and is expected to continue to increase over the next decade and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, active aging is a life-long process and includes all persons, thus an 'age-friendly' community does not mean 'senior citizen or elder friendly'; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization (WHO) notes that "making cities and communities age-friendly is one of the most effective policy approaches for responding to demographic aging"; and

**WHEREAS**, WHO developed 8 domains of community life which influence the livability and quality of life for all ages: social participation; housing; transportation; respect and social inclusion; community support and health services; communication and information; civic participation and employment; outdoor spaces and buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities is the United States affiliate of the World Health Organization Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Livable Communities become part of a global network of communities that are committed to giving their aging population the opportunity to live rewarding, productive and safe lives.

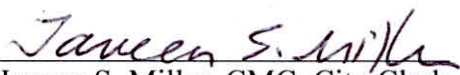
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of College Park supports age friendly policies and practices in outdoor spaces and recreation, housing, transportation, social participation and inclusion, civic participation and community support; **and be it further**

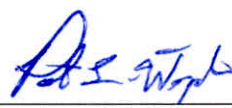
**RESOLVED**, that the City of College Park supports initiatives and opportunities to engage in the WHO/AARP Age-Friendly Livable Communities Network.

**ADOPTED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of College Park, Maryland, at a regular meeting on September 8, 2020, and effective immediately.


WITNESS:

THE CITY OF COLLEGE PARK

  
Janeen S. Miller, CMC, City Clerk

  
Patrick L. Wojahn, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
Suellen M. Ferguson, City Attorney