

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION'S AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE AARP AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PROCEED WITH THE REQUIRED PLANNING PHASE OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS.**

**WHEREAS**, scientific data suggests that, if an individual reaches 65 years of age, it is likely this individual will live until 85; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County has the largest number of older adult residents in Florida (nearly half a million are age 60 or older), and that number is expected to double in the next 25 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the AARP (formerly, the American Association of Retired Persons) Network of Age-Friendly Communities encourages states, cities, towns, and rural areas to prepare for the rapid aging of the American population by paying increased attention to the environmental, economic and social factors that influence the health and well-being of older adults; and

**WHEREAS**, the AARP network is part of the larger World Health Organization (“WHO”) Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities (the “Network”), which was established to foster the exchange of experience and mutual learning between cities and communities worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade Age-Friendly Initiative launched its Action Plan for an Age-Friendly Miami-Dade in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the overarching goal of this plan and the Initiative is to create a community for all ages, where older adults in Miami-Dade can stay active and healthy with dignity and enjoyment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Action Plan was developed using a results-based accountability framework to guide the collaboration among the Miami-Dade Age-Friendly Initiative partner organizations, which include the AARP Florida, Alliance for Aging, Miami-Dade County, Health Foundation of South Florida, United Way of Miami-Dade and Urban Health Partnerships; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 200 cities and counties in the United States that are listed as part of the network including the following Miami-Dade County communities:

- Coral Gables (May 2018)
- Cutler Bay (March 2016)
- Miami (August 2018)
- Miami-Dade County (November 2016)
- Miami Lakes (June 2018)
- Miami Shores (November 2018)
- Palmetto Bay (March 2017)
- Pinecrest (July 2016); and

**WHEREAS**, Members of the Age-Friendly Communities Initiative commit to making their community more age-friendly by taking the following steps:

Step 1: Entering the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities by submitting an application and a corresponding letter of commitment to the initiative's goals.

Step 2: Conducting a planning phase that has four elements:

- a. Identifying the mechanisms to involve older people throughout the City's Age-Friendly effort;
- b. Conducting a baseline assessment of the City's age-friendliness;
- c. Developing a 3-year citywide plan of action based on the assessment findings; and
- d. Identifying progress indicators to enable the monitoring of the initiative's progress.

Step 3: Implementing our community's action plan within two years of joining the network and submitting it to WHO for review and endorsement. Upon endorsement by WHO, our community would have three years to implement the action plan and submit a progress report to WHO.

Step 4: Continuously seeking ways to stay connected to the network and build upon efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the plan will have eight domains of focus with the overarching goal of involving a series of policy, systems and environment changes and actions that ultimate ensure our community is inclusive and accessible to adults of all ages. The domains include:

1. Outdoor spaces and buildings
2. Transportation
3. Housing
4. Social participation
5. Respect and social inclusion
6. Civic participation and employment
7. Communication and information
8. Community and health system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Age-Friendly Communities Initiative aligns with Objective 7: Advance Public Health Priorities, Action 29: Respect Our Elders of the City's *Resilient 305 Plan*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Age-Friendly Communities Initiative provides a framework that prepares our community to best serve its aging citizenry and institutionalizes these efforts across service domains while aligning with and reinforcing its commitment to resiliency and the Resilient 305 Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby support the World Health Organization's Age-Friendly Communities program; approve and authorize the City Manager to submit an application to the AARP Age-Friendly Communities Initiative; and further authorize the Administration to proceed with the required planning phase of the application process.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 15th day of January, 2020.

**ATTEST:**

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

Paul Ogilvie  
City Attorney

1-2-20  
Date