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Mr. Robert Murphy
State Director
AARP Director Colorado
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Dear Mr. Murphy,

On behalf of Eagle County, Colorado, the Board of County Commissioners is excited about the opportunity to join with AARP Colorado and the World Health Organization to become an age-friendly community. Along with other selected communities throughout the country, we are committed to promoting policies and practices that enhance the lives of seniors in our communities.

Eagle County is one of the top three fastest growing counties in Colorado for people 65 and over with a 275% increase from 2015-2040. Because of this significant shift in demographics, we understand the importance of putting time and energy into this work.

To address our changing demographics, our Public Health Department embarked on an Aging Well Initiative in 2015. This work began by forming a steering committee to identify and prioritize the areas where our senior residents felt needed the most attention. In addition to the steering committee, we conducted one on one surveys with local seniors and held a community event where all community members interested in aging well came to contribute feedback. The priority areas identified are in alignment with the World Health Organization's 8 domains of livability and include:

- Senior Housing
- Connection to Resources
- Social and Community Engagement
- Healthcare & Healthcare Advocacy

In August of 2016, a comprehensive plan was produced - the Eagle County Aging Well Community Report, which gives an in-depth look at our current and future demographics, outlines the work being implemented, as well as future work priorities.

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Thank you for your consideration of membership for Eagle County to the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. We look forward to working with AARP Colorado staff and volunteers to ensure our county has the appropriate infrastructure in place to give our older residents the opportunity to live rewarding, productive and safe lives.

Sincerely,

Jill H. Ryan
Chair

Kathy Chandler-Henry
Commissioner

Jeanne McQueeney
Commissioner