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To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the City of Holly Springs, we enthusiastically embrace the opportunity to partner with AARP and the World Health Organization to become an Age-Friendly Community. We are a small town as our marketing theme suggests, with All Kinds of Character. This theme embodies our commitment to initiatives that promote the ideals of Age Friendly communities across the nation.

The diversity of our residents including generational diversity is embraced and celebrated here in Holly Springs. Regular activities focus on creating more opportunities for our quiet little town to offer cultural as well as healthy life style choices for our aging population. Our focus on "Quality of Place", includes policy decisions that include improving the quality of life for our older residents.

This policy commitment will include offering more healthy activities as part of our current Park & Recreation programs. We will continue to partner with other state and local agencies such as the Mississippi State Extension Service to offer wholesome cultural programs. Efforts to build our health care network of partners will expand on activities such as health fairs and transportation to health facilities.

We see this as a golden opportunity to better meet the needs of our growing senior population. Thanks to AARP Mississippi for including our city in this international Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

Sincerely

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Mayor

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Resolution

Be It Proclaimed:

Whereas, a significant portion of Holly Springs' population is aging and aging population affects all – as individuals and as a civil society, and;

Whereas, as Holly Springs' residents stay healthier and active longer, Holly Springs is committed to adapting to the needs of changing demographics to serve their interest and sustain economic and social vitality, and;

Whereas, an Age-Friendly Holly Springs commitment encourages active aging by optimizing opportunities for health for residents of all ages, and;

Whereas, where we choose to live, our physical, social and cultural environment, greatly impacts how we live and communities play a critical role in helping residents live longer and better, and;

Whereas, Holly Springs is taking a lead on addressing the question for all surrounding communities on how businesses, governments, nonprofits and individuals will respond to changing needs for health care, housing, transportation, food and other essentials for our senior citizens, and;

How, Therefore, I, Kelvín O. Buck, Mayor of the City of Holly Springs in the great state of Mississippi, and on behalf of our community as a whole, we resolve to become a part of the Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities that support healthy ageing and improve quality of life for older Americans.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused this seal on this sixth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen.

Kelvin O. Buck, Mayor

Belinda Sims-Hollowell, City Clerk