

Office of the County Executive

Cheryl Dinolfo *County Executive*

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Ms. Beth Finkel Executive Director AARP 780 3rd Ave New York, New York 10017

Dear Ms. Finkel,

On behalf of Monroe County, I am pleased to offer this letter regarding our ongoing commitment to creating an age-friendly environment and request membership to AARP and the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. Monroe County recognizes the importance of promoting agefriendly policies to address changing demographics while also enhancing independent living among our residents. We stand committed to a process of continual improvement to support active and healthy aging, while also sustaining economic and social vitality for our aging adult community.

As County Executive, I am proud that we have taken the extra step to both create and implement key programs and initiatives that promote the well-being of all our residents, regardless of age. Programs like LadderzUp and Recruiting on the Road improve access to education, training, as well as workforce and economic development so that all in our community have access to good paying jobs. This assists in our efforts to keep young people living and working in our region and help keep generations of families together.

Monroe County is on the move creating more jobs, better budgets and stronger families for everyone who calls our community home. Our recently renovated Greater Rochester International Airport serves as a gateway to a diverse assortment of premier attractions including our region's leading destination, the Seneca Park Zoo. Monroe County is a healthy, vibrant, and flourishing community with a bright future ahead of us.

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We have a strong framework to build upon in addressing the World Health Organization's eight domains to influence the health and quality of life of all individuals in our community. We look forward to joining this network of communities committed to giving residents and visitors the opportunity to live rewarding, productive and safe lives regardless of age or ability.

Thank you for considering Monroe County's membership to AARP and the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

Sincerely,

Chery Dinolfo Monroe County Executive

cc:

Corinda Crossdale, Commissioner, Monroe County Department of Human Services Merideth Smith, Deputy Director of Administration, DHS Julie Allen Aldrich, Director, DHS' Office for the Aging Randall Hoak, Associate State Director, AARP Bill Armbruster, Director, AARP Livable Communities



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