



## COUNTY OF ORANGEBURG

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Teresa Arnold, State Director  
AARP South Carolina State Office  
1201 Main Street Suite 1720  
Columbia, SC 20201

Dear Ms. Arnold,

On behalf of the County of Orangeburg, we are excited about the opportunity to join with AARP South Carolina and the World Health Organization (WHO) to become an Age-friendly community. Along with other selected communities in the nation, Orangeburg County is committed to promoting policies to make American communities friendly to the aging population.

Orangeburg County is a rural county in South Carolina with 17 municipalities and a diverse population where 19.1% are over the age of 65 and 22.2% under the age of 18. We are concerned that all our citizens have appropriate access and accommodations for their appropriate needs.

To address our changing demographics, our community has recently formed a Task Force comprised of a diverse group on community issues and needs, including leaders of local Universities, business leaders, executives of non-profits and government leaders. Our goal is to ensure our neighbors have all the resources to be healthy, independent, and integrated into community life.

As a participant in the national network of communities, it is the intent of the County of Orangeburg to:

- Secure a council resolution to work toward becoming age-friendly.
- Establish a plan of action that responds to needs identified by older adults and other targeted segments in the community.
- Commit to measuring activities, reviewing action plan outcomes and reporting on them publicly.

We look forward to working with AARP South Carolina staff and volunteers to ensure our community has appropriate infrastructure in place so we can all age in dignity.

Sincerely,

Johnnie Wright Sr.,  
Chairman, Orangeburg County Council