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Mr. Jeff Johnson
State Director
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of the City of Clearwater, I am pleased to offer this letter of commitment to create an age-friendly community and to request membership into the World Health Organization's and AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities initiative.

The City of Clearwater has demonstrated its commitment to cultivating a lifelong community for our residents and to achieving our vision of a uniquely beautiful, vibrant community that is socially and economically diverse; that invests for the future; and that is a wonderful place to live, learn, work, visit and play. Membership into the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities will further reinforce this commitment.

Clearwater is home to more than 112,000 residents of whom 28.2% are age 60 or older, and the city is honored to join the growing number of AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities. This collaboration will further foster the exchange of experience and mutual learning between cities and communities worldwide that are striving to better meet the needs of their older residents through the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly movement. The city administration and elected officials share the common desire and commitment to promote healthy and active aging and a good quality of life for older residents. As a member of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the WHO Global Network of Age Friendly Communities, Clearwater will contribute through the strategic expansion and adoption of age-friendly practices in the eight domains of livability that make cities inclusive, accessible, and thriving for people of all ages.

The City of Clearwater looks forward to working with the AARP Florida Office, the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities, the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities and other stakeholders to ensure that Clearwater has the framework for all Clearwater residents to age with dignity in this community each of us is proud to call "home."

Thank you, and with warm, personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

- George N. Cretekos

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