

RESOLUTION NO. 1312-10-19

WHEREAS, in March 2016, Cedar Rapids became the 15th certified Blue Zones Community in the nation, and

WHEREAS, the Wellbeing Advisory Committee was established in January 2016 by Resolution No. 0010-01-16 to sustain the certification of Cedar Rapids as a Blue Zones Community, support the on-going work of creating a healthy community, and assist the Cedar Rapids City Council with matters related to well-being, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. population is rapidly aging and by 2030, one in five people in the U.S. will be 65 or over, and

WHEREAS, in 2017 Iowa ranked 18th nationwide in the percentage of population age 65 and over, and

WHEREAS, currently 14.3% of Cedar Rapids' population is age 65 and over, and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has developed a Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities to encourage and promote public policies to increase the number of cities and communities that support healthy aging and thereby improve the health, well-being, satisfaction, and quality of life for older Americans, and

WHEREAS, the WHO has noted that "making cities and communities age-friendly is one of the most effective policy approaches for responding to demographic aging," and

WHEREAS, well-designed, livable communities promote health and sustain economic growth, and they make for happier, healthier residents of all ages, and

WHEREAS, this initiative is in alignment with the City of Cedar Rapids' vision statement and adopted comprehensive plan, EnvisionCR.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, supports initiatives and opportunities to engage in the WHO Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Network of municipalities encouraging and promoting public policies supporting healthy aging.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that staff is directed to submit an application to the AARP Age-Friendly network program.in conjunction with a letter of support from the City Council.


Passed this 22nd day of October, 2019.

Voting: Council member Weinacht moved the adoption of the resolution; seconded by Council member Olson (Tyler). Adopted, Ayes, Council members Olson (Scott), Olson (Tyler), Overland, Poe, Todd, Vanorny, Weinacht and Mayor Hart.



Bradley G. Hart, Mayor

Attest:



Alissa Van Sloten, Deputy City Clerk