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**RE: Agreement for Accreditation of
WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities**

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am pleased to express our respect and support to the WHO Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities (hereinafter referred to as "WHO GNAFCC"), the group striving to solve problems associated with the world's rapidly aging population.

Geumcheon-gu has a firm commitment to join the WHO GNAFCC. Furthermore, due to the increase in the elderly population, we are actively pushing for "establishing an elderly-friendly city for all generations, including the elderly," as the head of the district's priority policy project in preparation for an aging society.

Geumcheon-gu, as a city with a large elderly population, entered an aged society in 2018 and is scheduled to join a super-aged community in 2024. Therefore, in order to achieve the slogan of Geumcheon-gu district, entitled "Geumcheon, a city of happiness in neighborhoods," we conducted an analysis of regional conditions in 2020; whereby, having a conclusion that it is most likely reasonable and even necessary to establish an elderly-friendly city and join the WHO GNAFCC.

Accordingly, Geumcheon-gu has (i) enacted the Ordinance on the Creation of an Age-Friendly City to promote systematic and efficient welfare policies for the elderly, and (ii) formed a promotion committee, including but not limited to officials from the related

departments, experts in social welfare, urban planning, and others, and representatives of elderly, to collaborate between public and private.

In 2021, Geumcheon-gu conducted a study to evaluate the age-friendliness through demographic, sociological, and economic environment analysis and surveys on the needs of the elderly for establishing an age-friendly city according to the characteristics of Geumcheon-gu. Based on its results and promotion committee meeting, we have prepared a guideline with regard to development and action plan, consisting of eight areas suggested by the WHO.

From now on, Geumcheon-gu will organize a monitoring group not only to check the promotion of an age-friendly city but also to find and improve the inconveniences of the elderly in their daily life; thus, actively will prepare for the aging problem practically by sharing the experiences and technologies of other cities that have joined the WHO GNAFCC.

For all going reasons, Geumcheon-gu has respectfully applied for membership of the WHO GNAFCC. Thank you for your time and consideration in advance, and I look forward to hearing from you soon

Respectfully submitted,



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