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Declaration

On behalf of the Thiruvananthapuram Municipal Corporation, I am writing to convey our unwavering commitment to joining the distinguished WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities. We profoundly recognize the imperative of fostering an inclusive and supportive environment for our valued aging population. It is our steadfast dedication to develop and implement policies and initiatives that unequivocally promote their holistic well-being, active participation, and an enriched quality of life within our vibrant city.

Thiruvananthapuram is fully committed to systematically addressing the eight fundamental domains of age-friendliness as thoughtfully outlined by the World Health Organization. We pledge to enhance our outdoor spaces and buildings, ensuring they are not only accessible and safe but also genuinely enjoyable for all our seniors. Simultaneously, we will diligently work towards improving the availability, convenience, and affordability of transportation options, thereby granting greater mobility and independence to our older adults. Our ambition extends to supporting diverse, accessible, and suitable housing choices that cater to the evolving needs and preferences of our aging residents, fostering environments where they can thrive. Furthermore, we are resolute in our efforts to facilitate abundant opportunities for seniors to actively engage in social, cultural, and recreational activities, nurturing a profound sense of community belonging.

Our commitment also encompasses fostering a pervasive culture of respect and genuine social inclusion for older adults across every facet of our community. We will actively encourage the robust involvement of seniors in civic life, recognizing their invaluable wisdom and experience, and explore avenues for their continued engagement in employment opportunities, promoting productivity and purpose. Crucially, we will ensure that vital information and communication channels are readily accessible and easily digestible for older adults, bridging any digital or informational divides. Lastly, we are dedicated to significantly strengthening existing community support networks and diligently improving access to comprehensive, age-appropriate health services, ensuring our seniors receive the care and assistance they deserve.

We fully understand that becoming an age-friendly city is a profound, long-term endeavor that necessitates continuous effort, unwavering dedication, and collaborative synergy from all stakeholders. In this spirit, we are fully prepared to conduct a thorough baseline assessment of Thiruvananthapuram's current age-friendliness, subsequently developing and meticulously implementing a comprehensive action plan to address all identified needs and opportunities. We commit to diligently monitoring our progress, regularly reporting on our achievements with transparency, and eagerly sharing our experiences and insights with, and learning from, other esteemed members of the WHO Global Network. We are confident that by joining this pivotal network, Thiruvananthapuram will significantly accelerate its journey towards becoming a truly exemplary age-friendly city. We are genuinely excited about the profound opportunity to collaborate closely with the WHO and our fellow member cities to forge a brighter, more inclusive future for our aging population.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to be 'Arya Rajendran S.', written over a blue circular stamp.

Mayor

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