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Mr. Thiago Hérick de Sá
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Department of the Social Determinants of Health (HQ/SDH)
World Health Organization (WHO)

WHO Global Network For Age-Friendly Cities And Communities

Dear Hérick de Sá:

As Mayor of the Autonomous Municipality of Toa Baja, Puerto Rico, I am pleased to express our formal commitment to joining the *WHO Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities*. Toa Baja is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of our older residents by promoting healthy aging, strengthening community connections, and ensuring that our social and physical environments are safe, accessible, and inclusive. We recognize the importance of preparing for demographic change and supporting older adults so they may continue to live active, independent, and engaged lives.

Our municipality is committed to advancing age-friendly principles, expanding community partnerships, and integrating inclusive policies that support the well-being of all generations. Participation in the WHO Global Network will allow Toa Baja to align with international best practices and reinforce our ongoing efforts to become a model age-friendly community that attracts new residents and inspires other cities to adopt and replicate this initiative. We look forward to collaborating with the World Health Organization, while continuing our partnership with AARP, contributing to the shared global mission of building environments where people of all ages can thrive.

The primary point of contact for this initiative is Anilda Fernández Vega, PPL, Director of the Office of Planning and Land Use. For additional information or any coordination related to this initiative, she may be contacted at (787) 261-0202, extension 2335, or by email at afernandez@toabaja.com.

Sincerely,

Bernardo "Betito" Márquez García
Mayor