RESOLUTION NO. 2021-083-3638

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION GLOBAL NETWORK OF AGE-FRIENDLY CITIES AND COMMUNITIES PROGRAM AND APPROVING THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS’ ENROLLMENT INTO THE AARP AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ANY AND ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE INTENT AND PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION. PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the global population of people aged 60 and over is expected to more than double from 841 million in 2013 to almost 2 billion by 2050, and

WHEREAS, in the United States, the population of people aged 65 and over is expected to grow from 35 million in 2000 to 88.5 million by 2050, taking the total share of the 65+ population from 12 percent to 20 percent of the total population, and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County population age 60 and over is expected to grow to over 800,000 by 2040, representing 25% of the total population of Miami-Dade County, and

WHEREAS, as of 2019, the City of Miami Garden’s older adult population age 65 and over was 15,180, representing 13.8% of its population, and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Gardens believes that older adults should have opportunities, options, and environments to stay active, engaged, and healthy with dignity and enjoyment, 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 “[m]aking cities and communities age-friendly is one of the most cost-effective policy approaches for responding to demographic aging,” and

WHEREAS, the WHO has developed eight domains of community life that influence the health and quality of life of older people, and
WHEREAS, the WHO recognizes that counties, cities and communities have different needs, resources, and varying capacities to engage their resources to facilitate active aging, and

WHEREAS, the Miami Gardens Age-Friendly Initiative will work to create a community for all ages, where residents of can grow older with dignity and live active, healthy lives,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2: AUTHORIZATION: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens supports initiatives and opportunities to engage in the WHO Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Network of municipalities and hereby directs the City Manager to enroll the City into the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

Section 3: EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take place immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 14, 2021.

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RODNEY HARRIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MARIO BATAILLE, CMC, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN ROBERT STEPHENS, III
Moved by: Vice Mayor Leon
Seconded by: Councilman Stephens

VOTE:  7-0

Mayor Harris  Yes
Vice Mayor Leon  Yes
Councilwoman Campbell  Yes
Councilwoman Ighodaro  Yes
Councilwoman Julien  Yes
Councilman Stephens, III  Yes
Councilwoman Wilson  Yes