Proclamation Supporting Application into the AARP’s Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Initiative

WHEREAS, the global population of people aged 60 and over is expected to grow from 600 million in 2000 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 and over population from 12 percent to 20 percent of the total population; and

WHEREAS, research shows that older Americans overwhelmingly want to remain in their homes and communities as they age, and

WHEREAS, As Wyoming residents stay healthier and active longer, the City of Wyoming is committed to adapting to the needs of changing demographics to serve the interest of Wyoming residents and sustain economic and social vitality, and

WHEREAS, the initiatives outlined through the program have the potential to benefit not only senior residents, but people of all ages, and

WHEREAS, the AARP has developed a network of age-friendly 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, Where we choose to live, our physical, social and cultural environment, greatly impact how we live, and all Minnesota communities play a critical role in helping residents live longer and better lives and,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED, the City of Wyoming supports the initiatives and opportunities to engage in the AARP Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Network including formal membership application.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WYOMING THIS 20th day of April, 2021

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Lisa Iverson
Mayor