March 11, 2022

Ms. Kay Sibetta, Associate State Director
Community Outreach
AARP Georgia
999 Peachtree Street, Suite 1100
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

Dear Ms. Sibetta,

I am pleased to submit our Membership Application for the enrollment into the AARP Network of Age Friendly States and Communities on behalf of the residents of Chatham County, Georgia. Our application will also include the over 295,000 residents of our six Cities of Bloomingdale, Garden City, Pooler, Port Wentworth, Savannah and Tybee Island; and two Towns of Thunderbolt and Vernonburg.

Our Chatham County leaders pride themselves on maintaining a responsive, transparent, and reformed-minded government. We are one of the most diverse, historic, beautiful, and economically vibrant counties in the United States and are committed to providing quality of life amenities and services to all residents regardless of age and abilities. As noted in our mission statement, "to protect and serve the public and provide essential service to improve the quality of life" and reinforced by the Chatham Community Blueprint with vision statements, goals, objectives, and community indicators within four priority areas to include Economy, Education, Health, and Quality of Life. To ensure a more livable community for our residents of all ages and abilities, we continue to prioritize county-wide initiatives relative to the Blueprint.

As a Member of the AARP and World Health Organization (WHO) Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities, Chatham County will continue to engage older adults in existing and future programs. We will utilize Chatham's Comprehensive Plan and the Chatham Community Blueprint to document livable community initiatives; identify indicators for these projects and services; monitor their successes and outcomes and adjust as needed. These proactive actions will help ensure our residents' benefit from the quality-of-life projects community-wide.

We look forward to working in collaboration with AARP Georgia staff, our community partners and stakeholders, and residents to help make our county a place where we can all successfully age with pride and dignity.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Chester A. Ellis
Chairman

cc: Lee Smith, County Manager
    Michael Kaigler, Assistant County Manager
    Linda Cramer, Assistant County Manager
    Tara Jennings, Strategic Planning Administrator