A PROCLAMATION OF THE LARKSPUR CITY COUNCIL
To Seek Membership in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all ages is of highest concern to the citizens of the City of Larkspur;

WHEREAS, as the U.S. population ages and people stay healthy and active longer, communities must adapt;

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;

WHEREAS, the WHO has noted that “making cities and communities age-friendly is one of the most effective policy approaches for responding to demographic ageing;” and

WHEREAS, the WHO has developed eight domains of community life that influence the livability and quality of life of persons of all ages:

1. Outdoor spaces and buildings – accessibility to and availability of clean, safe community centers, parks, and other recreational facilities;
2. Transportation – safe and affordable modes of private and public transportation, “Complete Streets” types of initiatives, hospitable built environments;
3. Housing – wide range of housing options for older residents, ageing in place and other home modification programs, housing that is accessible to transportation and community and health services;
4. Social participation – access to leisure and cultural activities; opportunities for older residents to participate in social and civic engagement with their peers and younger people;
5. Respect and social inclusion – programs to support and promote ethnic and cultural diversity, programs to encourage multigenerational interaction and dialogue, programs to combat loneliness and isolation among older residents;
6. Civic participation and employment – promotion of paid work and volunteer opportunities for older residents; opportunities for older residents to engage in formulation of policies relevant to their lives;
7. Communication and information – promotion of and access to the use of technology to keep older residents connected to their community and friends and family, both near and far; and
8. Community support and health services – access to homecare services, clinics, programs to promote active ageing (physical exercise and healthy habits).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, _____________, Mayor of the City of Larkspur, do hereby proclaim that the City of Larkspur is committed to promoting, creating, and sustaining communities for all ages and that the Larkspur City Council supports participation and membership in the AARP Age-Friendly Network and submittal of a membership application in conjunction with a letter of commitment to AARP.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Larkspur to be affixed this 15th day of December, 2021.

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MAYOR, CITY OF LARKSPUR