RESOLUTION NO. 9-20 (CM)


WHEREAS, as California’s older population is growing, the economic security of older adults across the state is diminishing, with high housing and health care costs, rising inequality, and cuts to critical safety net programs leaving far too many older Californians without enough income to meet their basic needs; and

WHEREAS, the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities is an affiliate of the World Health Organization’s (WHO) Age-Friendly Cities and Communities, an international effort launched in 2006 to help cities prepare for rapid population aging and the parallel trend of urbanization; and

WHEREAS, the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities (the “Network”) helps participating communities become great places for all ages by adopting such features as safe, walkable streets, better housing, and transportation options; access to key services; and opportunities for residents to participate in community activities; and

WHEREAS, members of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities become part of a global network of communities that are committed to giving their older residents the opportunity to live rewarding, productive and safe lives; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of joining the Network include, but are not limited to, access to key information about best practices among age-friendly communities, access to a global network of participating communities, and public recognition of the City’s commitment to become more age-friendly; and
WHEREAS, the health and safety of residents of all ages is of highest concern to the citizens of Watsonville; and

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

WHEREAS, well-designed, livable communities promote health and sustain economic growth, and they make for happier healthier residents of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the City of Watsonville joins the partnership being led by the Seniors Council/Area Agency on Aging as one of the local jurisdictions embracing the county-wide Age Friendly Communities project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

That in order to ensure the City of Watsonville is a well-designed, livable community that promotes health and sustained economic growth for residents of all ages, the City Council hereby approves the City’s enrollment into the AARP Age Friendly Communities and hereby supports the planning process and request participation in the county-wide Age Friendly Communities initiative.

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The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Watsonville, held on the _11th_ day of _February, 2020_, by Member _Hurst_, who moved its adoption, which motion being duly seconded by Member _Parker_, was upon roll call carried and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** COUNCIL MEMBERS: Estrada, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Hurst, Parker, Garcia

**NOES:** COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

**ABSENT:** COUNCIL MEMBERS: Coffman-Gomez

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**ATTEST:**

[Signature]

Rebecca J. Garcia, Mayor

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**DATE:** 02/13/2020

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**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

[Signature]

City Attorney

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I, Beatriz Vázquez Flores, City Clerk of the City of Watsonville, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No._9-20_(CM) was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the Watsonville City Council at a meeting thereof held on the _11th_ day of _February, 2020_, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of said Resolution.

[Signature]

Beatriz Vázquez Flores, City Clerk

**DATE:** 02/13/2020