

HYATTSVILLE RESOLUTION 2015-04

A Resolution of AARP Participation in the World Health Organization (WHO) Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Network

WHEREAS, the City of Hyattsville had in 2010 a population that was 7% age 65 and older, which the City seeks to support; and

WHEREAS, active aging is a life-long process, whereby an age-friendly community is not just “elder-friendly” but also intended to be friendly for all ages; 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 developed eight domains of community life that influence the health and quality of life of older people:

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, aging 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 aging (physical exercise and healthy habits); and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City of Hyattsville seeks to participate in the WHO Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Network and implement public policies, initiatives and opportunities to supporting safe, healthy and enjoyable aging in our community.

READ AND PASSED THIS 7th day of December, 2015.

BY ORDER: Mayor Candace B. Hollingsworth, I hereby certify that Resolution Number 2015-04 is true and correct and duly adopted by the City Council of Hyattsville.

ATTEST/WITNESS:



Laura Reams, City Clerk

City of Hyattsville



Candace B. Hollingsworth, Mayor