

AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities

Whereas, the City Commission of the City of Dunedin, Florida wishes to convey its support for the City of Dunedin to become a member of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities; and

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

Whereas, the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities assists participating communities to 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, well-designed, livable communities promote health and sustain economic growth, and they make for happier, healthier residents of all ages; and

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

Whereas, AARP's participation in the program advances efforts to help people live easily and comfortably in their homes and communities as they age; and

Whereas, AARP's presence encourages older adults to take a more active role in their communities and have their voices heard. Initiatives focus on areas such as housing, caregiving, community engagement, volunteering, social inclusion and combating isolation among older citizens.

Now, Therefore, I, Julie Ward Bujalski, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Dunedin, Florida and on behalf of the entire City Commission, do hereby wish to convey the City's support of becoming a member of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities.