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Mr. Jeff Johnson
Florida State AARP Director
3350 SW 148th Ave. #120
Miramar, FL 33027

RE: Age-Friendly Community Designation

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of the City of New Port Richey, we are excited about the opportunity to join with AARP Florida and the World Health Organization (WHO) to become an Age-Friendly Community. Along with other selected communities in the nation, the City of New Port Richey is committed to promoting policies to make America's small towns friendly to aging populations.

With over 30% of the City's population 60 and older and a projected increase of ten percent over the next decade, we want to address this increasing demographics by convening a Task Force on Aging comprised of a diverse group, including executives from non-profit providers, funding organizations, policy makers and academia. Our goal will be to ensure our aging neighbors have the resources to be healthy, independent and integrated into community life.

As a participant in the national network of communities, it is the intent of the City of New Port Richey to:

- Include the active engagement of older adults in the Task Force.
- Secure a City Council Resolution to work toward becoming a more age friendly city.
- Establish a Plan of Action that responds to the needs identified by older adults in the community.
- Commit to measuring activities, reviewing plan outcomes and reporting on them publicly.

We look forward to working with AARP Florida staff and volunteers and other stakeholders to establish a Task Force and create a plan of action that responds to the needs of the community and to ensure our community has the appropriate infrastructure in place so we can all age with dignity.

Sincerely,


Rob Marlowe
Mayor, City of New Port Richey