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AARP

Attn: Jo Ann Jenkins, CEO
601 E Street NW
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Dear Ms. Jenkins:

On behalf of the City of Presque Isle, Maine, the City Council, and its residents, I am pleased to write this letter of our on-going commitment to creating an age-friendly environment and respectfully request membership in the Network of Age-Friendly Communities. Presque Isle recognizes the importance of encouraging and promoting age-friendly planning and policies to enhance the quality of life, independent living, and continued improvement in healthy aging.

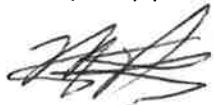
As a community with one of the oldest housing stocks in the nation and a higher than state average percentage of seniors over the age of 65, it is imperative to our economy and vitality to do what is best for our valued citizens to provide them the ability to age safely and with dignity.

Studies show that to age well, in addition to having the basic needs, we must do something social, physical and cognitive each day. The City of Presque Isle is well on its way to meeting these mandates. Programs within Aroostook County Action Program, Helping Hands, Area Agency on Aging, Aroostook Regional Transportation, Grace Interfaith Food Table, Martha & Mary's Soup Kitchen and many others have made great strides in assisting our seniors meet their basic needs. With the establishment of our Senior Room at our new Community Center, we are striving to make our public building more senior friendly while providing programming for the social, cognitive and physical aspects. SAGE (Seniors Achieving Greater Education), a program at the University of Maine at Presque Isle, celebrated its 20th anniversary this year in serving intellectually curious adults aged 50 and older.

The social service organizations of Presque Isle in conjunction with the City will continue to act to meet the unmet needs of our seniors to allow them to be safe, healthy and vital contributors actively engaged in the community.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our membership application as an Age-Friendly Community in Maine.

Very truly yours,



Martin Puckett
City Manager