RESOLUTION 2019-23

WHEREAS, the Walton County Board of County Commissioners supports the Florida Department of Health, the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, and the Walton Community Health Improvement Partnership's Age-Friendly Communities initiative to promote healthy aging in Florida, which will improve the health, well-being, satisfaction and quality of life for older adults; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has the highest percentage of older adults of any state in the nation, with Walton County having over 17,500 older adult citizens age 60 and over, representing nearly 27% of our population; and

WHEREAS, with the population of older adults in Walton County nearly doubling since 2000 and projected to continue increasing, our community should actively and continuously engage older adults in planning processes to assess barriers and determine priorities to build a community that is livable for all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, Walton County, the Florida Department of Health, the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, and the Walton Community Health Improvement Partnership all share a vision and responsibility to improve the life of all citizens and collectively build a stronger community for all ages to live, learn, work and play.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Walton County Board of Commissioners that our community will support membership into the World Health Organization (WHO) and AARP’s Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Initiative and will work with community partners to help ensure everyone has the ability to live a long, healthy and full life.

DULY ADOPTED, this 23rd day of April 2019.