

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020- 117**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA TO SUPPORT MEMBERSHIP INTO THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) AND THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN RETIRED PERSONS (AARP) 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.**

**WHEREAS**, the global population of people aged sixty (60) and over is expected to more than triple from 605 million in 2000 to almost two (2) billion by 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States of America, the population of people aged sixty-five (65) and over is expected to grow from thirty-five (35) million in 2000 to 88.5 million by 2050, taking the total share of the 65+ population from twelve percent (12%) to twenty percent (20%) of the total population; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida has the highest percentage of older adults of any state in the nation, with Collier County having over 130,746 older adults sixty (60) and over, representing 36% of our population; and

**WHEREAS**, with the population of older adults in Collier County 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**, research shows that older Americans overwhelmingly want to stay in their homes and communities as they age; and

**WHEREAS**, the County believes that the older adult population should have opportunities, options and environments to stay active, engaged and healthy with dignity and enjoyment; and

**WHEREAS**, 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, on April 23, 2019, Florida was designated an Age-Friendly State, the largest state in the nation to join the Network; and

WHEREAS, Collier County and the Leadership Coalition on Aging all share a vision 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 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLLIER COUNTY, Florida, that:

Our community, Collier County, 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.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED after motion, second and majority vote this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

ATTEST:  
CRYSTAL K. KINZEL, CLERK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: *Crystal Kinzel*  
Attest as to Chairman's  
signature only.

By: *Burt L. Saunders*  
BURT L. SAUNDERS, CHAIRMAN

Approved as to form and legality:

*JAB*  
Jennifer A. Belpedio  
Assistant County Attorney

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*6/22/2020*