



January 31, 2020

DAN GELBER
MAYOR

Mr. Jeff Johnson
Senior State Director
AARP Florida
200 West College Avenue, Suite 304
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of the City of Miami Beach, I am pleased to offer this letter of commitment to creating an age-friendly community and to request membership into the World Health Organization (WHO) and AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Initiative.

The City of Miami Beach is home to more than 10,000 older adults aged 60 and older who represent almost 12% of our City's population. Older adults are important to our community. Our City currently offers the following programs to this important demographic:

- Grocery Delivery Program (delivering fresh food and pantry staples to 96 households per month)
- Robust recreational programming (including a variety of activities from chair and water aerobics and bingo to tai chi and dance fusion, among many others) in facilities located in North, Middle and South Beach to facilitate access
- Congregate meals served with a beautiful ocean view at the North Beach Senior Center
- Home visits and welfare checks for our senior residents who can't make it in to visit City offices
- Educational workshops providing health, financial empowerment and economic resilience information
- Annual Emergency and Evacuation Assistance Program registration drives citywide
- ACCESS Florida and SHINE services to make annual recertifications and elder service access as easy as possible

We hope to build upon this work and ensure that our community is livable for all ages and abilities. As a participant in the national network of communities, it is the City's intent to:

- Include the active engagement of older adults in our planning processes and committees;
- Conduct a baseline assessment of age-friendliness of the community;
- Develop a community-wide action plan based on the findings of the assessment; and
- Identify indicators so progress in the plan can be monitored.

We look forward to working with the AARP Florida Office, its members and volunteers, and our stakeholders to create a plan of action that responds to the needs in our community as we work to build the City of Miami Beach for all ages.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Dan Gelber
Mayor

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