RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION TO AARP NETWORK OF AGE-FRIENDLY STATES AND COMMUNITIES.

WHEREAS, in 2018-19, the City underwent an Age Friendly Communities engagement process and City Council accepted the Becoming an Age-Friendly Brooklyn Park Recommendations Report; and

WHEREAS, one of the recommendations within the Becoming an Age-Friendly Brooklyn Park Report was to become a member of the AARP Network Age-Friendly State and Communities by 2020; and

WHEREAS, to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities you have to commit to a process and take steps that demonstrates you are working through that process; and

WHEREAS, Joining the network involves the following steps over the course of five years:
   Step 1: Complete an application and provide a mayoral letter of commitment
   Step 2: Conduct a community assessment of older adult needs
   Step 3: Create a three-year action plan
   Step 4: Implement the plan and evaluate progress
   Step 5: Refine as needed and continue the work

WHEREAS, Brooklyn Park has already completed Step 2, which is significant, and would be poised to begin Step 3 of creating an action plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Brooklyn Park to approve application to the AARP Network of Age Friendly States and Communities.