

RESOLUTION - Authorizing Washoe County to join the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities

WHEREAS, Washoe County is one of the fastest aging communities in the United States with a 2022 population of 96,300 persons over the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, Washoe County’s strategic objectives and goals include meeting the needs of our growing community, and supporting a thriving community and its vulnerable populations, and that Washoe County Senior Services is a regional leader in preparing our community as it ages; and

WHEREAS, the quality of life of residents of all ages is of concern to the citizens of Washoe County; and

WHEREAS, active aging is a life-long process, whereby an age-friendly and livable community is not just “elder friendly” but is intended to be livable and friendly for all ages; and

WHEREAS, members of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly State and Communities are part of a global network of communities, affiliated with the World Health Organization Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities that are committed to working with residents to make their communities more livable and age-friendly places to live; and

WHEREAS, membership in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities will give Washoe County access to information about its elder community and technical expertise to address their concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Washoe County Human Services Agency Senior Advisory Board is committed to pursue the required activities to create and implement a Washoe County Age-Friendly program, and on April 6, 2022, they voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of County Commissioners take the necessary steps to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities, now therefore, be it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County:

1. Washoe County supports initiatives and opportunities of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities; and will apply to join the AARP Network; and will support the efforts of the Washoe County Human Services Agency Senior Advisory Board to promote and expand age-friendly policies and programs in Washoe County.

Adopted this _____day of May, 2022.

Vaughn Hartung, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

County Clerk