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Mr. Jeff Johnson  
State Director  
AARP Florida  
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St Petersburg, FL 33716

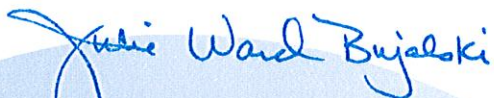
Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of the City of Dunedin, we seek the opportunity to join with AARP Florida and the World Health Organization to become an Age-Friendly Community. The City of Dunedin continues its commitment to be a community in which to age well and to meet the goals of an Age-Friendly Community. This is a natural continuation of its earlier work when it was the first city in the state to complete the Elder Ready Assessment for the 2001 Communities for a Lifetime initiative; and the first recipient of the Florida Department of Elders statewide "Communities for a Lifetime Award" in 2007 and 2009.

The City of Dunedin, with support of its many volunteer committees such as the Committee on Aging, looks forward to developing future goals and action plans that address issues identified in the City-wide survey conducted in 2015. The survey included several aspects of the Age-Friendly domains, including transportation, housing, respect and social inclusion and social participation.

The City issued a proclamation of its intention to join the AARP Age Friend initiative and a copy is attached. We look forward to working with AARP Florida and its network of Age-Friendly communities to ensure that Dunedin has the framework needed for all its residents to age with dignity with a focus on intergenerational activities and social inclusion.

Sincerely,



Julie Ward Bujalski  
Mayor, City of Dunedin

Attachment

cc: Dunedin City Commission  
V. Gizzi  
E. Swinehart  
S. Williams

## **AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities**

**Whereas**, the City Commission of the City of Dunedin, Florida wishes to convey its support for the City of Dunedin to become a member of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities; and

**Whereas**, as the U.S. population ages and people stay healthy and active longer, communities must adapt; and

**Whereas**, the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities assists participating communities to become great places for all ages by adopting such features as safe, walkable streets; better housing and transportation options; access to key services; and opportunities for residents to participate in community activities; and

**Whereas**, well-designed, livable communities promote health and sustain economic growth, and they make for happier, healthier residents of all ages; and

**Whereas**, the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities is an affiliate of the World Health Organization's Age Friendly Cities and Communities Program, an international effort launched in 2006 to help cities prepare for rapid population aging and the parallel trend of urbanization; and

**Whereas**, AARP's participation in the program advances efforts to help people live easily and comfortably in their homes and communities as they age; and

**Whereas**, AARP's presence encourages older adults to take a more active role in their communities and have their voices heard. Initiatives focus on areas such as housing, caregiving, community engagement, volunteering, social inclusion and combating isolation among older citizens.

**Now, Therefore**, I, Julie Ward Bujalski, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Dunedin, Florida and on behalf of the entire City Commission, do hereby wish to convey the City's support of becoming a member of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities.