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

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am pleased to offer this letter of commitment to continuing to create 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.

Nassau County is home to over 24,000 adults age 60 and over, representing about 29% of our residents. In addition, Nassau County is an attractive destination for many visitors, adding to the importance of our attention to the goals of an age-friendly community.

Our age 60 and over adults play vital roles in our community by providing leadership for cultural, social, artistic, and historic organizations and events in both the coastal and rural areas of our County. These activities enhance the lives of our seniors, advance their ability to maintain positive healthy status in their own homes, and create major benefit for children and adults throughout the County who also participate in these activities.

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Our Board of County Commissioners is working with numerous State, County, and non-profit partners through our Nassau County Age-Friendly Advisory Council to identify needs and encourage policy support and program activities based on the goals and structure of the Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Initiative.

As a participant in the national network of communities, it is Nassau County's intent to actively engage seniors in our planning processes and committees, conduct a baseline assessment of age-friendliness in our County, develop a County-wide action plan based on the findings of the assessment, and identify indicators so that plan progress can be monitored.

We look forward to working with the AARP Florida office and our stakeholders to create a plan of action that responds to the needs of our community and builds upon our work to foster an age-friendly environment for all ages.

Sincerely,

Justin Taylor, Chair Board of County Commissioners Nassau County, Florida