
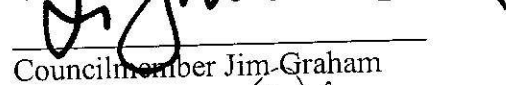


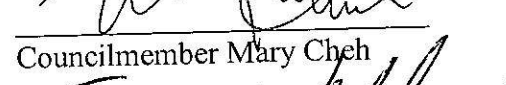
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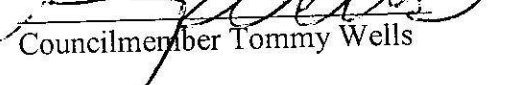

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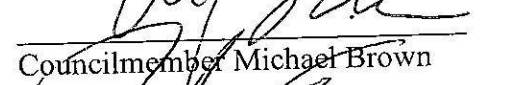

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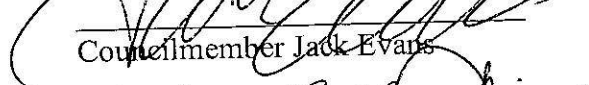

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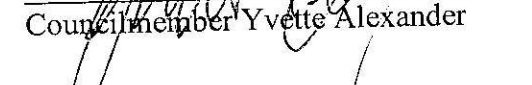

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A RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the sense of the Council to support the District of Columbia's participation in the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Program to address the environmental and social factors that contribute to active and healthy ageing.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Sense of the Council that the District of Columbia should participate in the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Program Resolution of 2012".

Sec. 2. The Council finds that:

- (1) The population of U.S. citizens 65 and older has increased from 35 million in 2000 to 40 million in 2010 (a 15% increase) and is projected to increase to 55 million in 2020 (a 36% increase for that decade);
- (2) 78.9% of people 65 years or older live in metropolitan areas;
- (3) 11.4% of District residents are 65 years or older;
- (4) By 2015, 20%, or 1 out of every 5, District residents are projected to be 60 years old or older;

1 (5) The senior population faces significant and unique issues impacting their
2 quality of life, including housing, chronic disease, disability, and access to technology among;

3 (6) The District's Office on Aging reports that many long-time District residents
4 express a desire to remain in their communities even when their principal residence is no longer
5 suitable for their physical needs;

6 (7) Approximately 9,000 District residents suffer from Alzheimer's disease;

7 (8) Approximately 16,000 District residents 75 years old and older reported one or
8 more physical or mental disabilities;

9 (9) Making cities and communities age-friendly is one of the most effective local
10 policy approaches for responding to demographic aging and the unique issues facing seniors;

11 (10) The World Health Organization's (WHO) Global Network of Age-Friendly
12 Cities and Communities Program (GNAFCC) is an international effort to help cities prepare for
13 the global demographic changes brought about by rapidly aging populations and increasing
14 urbanization;

15 (11) The GNAFCC Program established in 2006 improves the quality of life for
16 older citizens by assessing the "age friendliness" of a city based on eight domains including:
17 housing; respect and social inclusion; transportation; buildings and outdoor places; and health
18 services;

19 (12) The GNAFCC Program requires participating cities to produce a three-year
20 plan to address the city's shortfalls in the age-friendliness domains, implement the plan, and then
21 monitor progress to ensure improvement in seniors' quality of life;

22 (13) Older citizens contribute to the GNAFCC Program by sharing their
23 experiences so that the program and plan works for them;

24 (14) The WHO lends technical support to cities participating in the GNAFCC
25 Program and links participating cities to enable a free exchange of information to achieve
26 implementation of the most successful, cost effective, and sustainable policies that assist elderly
27 residents;

28 (15) Geneva, Switzerland; Manchester, England and New York City, among many
29 other cities, have participated in the GNAFCC Program;

30 (16) To participate in the WHO GNAFCC Program, the Mayor must submit an
31 application to the WHO as well as letters from himself and the Council indicating their
32 commitment to the Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities cycle of continual
33 improvement. The Mayor must then commence the program's Network cycle to develop an
34 inclusive three-year plan to assess and improve age-friendliness in the city.

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36 Sec. 3. It is the sense of the Council that the District of Columbia should commit to
37 participation in the World Health Organization's GNAFCC Program.

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39 Sec. 4. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,
40 upon its adoption, to District of Columbia Delegate to the United States House of
41 Representatives and the Mayor.

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43 Sec. 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in
44 the District of Columbia Register.
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