June 18, 2018

Mr. Jeff Johnson
State Director, AARP Florida
400 Carrillon Parkway
St. Petersburg, Florida 33713

Dear Mr. Johnson,

On behalf of the Town of Miami Lakes, I would like to express our interest in joining the AARP and the World Health Organization’s Network of Age-Friendly Communities. The goal of the Town of Miami Lakes is to continue to enhance the quality of life and unique community feel through visionary land use planning, efficient provision of public facilities and services, protection of neighborhoods, and conservation of those built and natural assets which define the town.

The Town of Miami Lakes has a long standing history of serving the aging population and in providing quality programs and services that allow residents to age in place. The Town’s Elderly Affairs Committee, comprised of volunteers, was created by the Town Council to identify the needs of the senior population and to focus on the development of programs, services, and events for this population. The Town Council recently adopted a 10 year strategic plan, outlining goals to enhance mobility, connectivity, safety, health and wellness, and the overall quality of life for all of our residents and we recognize the importance of committing to and promoting age-friendly policies to address changing demographics.

We see the value in joining a coalition of other age friendly communities whose focus is to provide better opportunities for residents of all ages and we are committed to advancing the goals within the World Organization’s eight established domains. As an age friendly communities, our intent is to actively engage older adults, conduct assessments, establish a plan of action, and commit to measuring activities and outcomes.

We look forward to the opportunity to become a member of the network of Age-Friendly Communities, working with the AARP Florida office and stakeholders to respond to the needs of the community, and serving as a true example of what an age friendly community should be.

Sincerely,

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Mayor, Town of Miami Lakes