
Information
Department: Commissioners and Mayor  Category: Elected Official Item  Sponsors: Mayor Tomás Regalado

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WHEREAS, the global population of people aged sixty (60) and over is expected to more than double from 841 million in 2013 to almost two (2) billion by 2050; and

WHEREAS, in the United States of America, the population of people aged sixty-five (65) and over is expected to grow from thirty-five (35) million in 2000 to 88.5 million by 2050, taking the total share of the 55+ population from twelve percent (12%) to twenty percent (20%) of the total population; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County population aged sixty (60) and over is expected to grow to over 800,000 by 2040, representing twenty-five percent (25%) of the total population of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, as of 2010, the City of Miami’s ("City") older adult population aged sixty (60) and over was 83,844, representing sixteen percent (16%) of the City’s population; and

WHEREAS, research shows that older Americans are looking to their governments for support so that they can stay in their homes and communities as long as possible; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that the older adult population should have opportunities, options, and environments to stay active, engaged, and healthy with dignity and enjoyment; and

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

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization ("WHO") has developed a Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities to encourage and promote policies to increase the number of cities and communities that support healthy aging and thereby improve the health, well-being, satisfaction, and quality of life for older Americans; and

WHEREAS, the WHO has noted that "[m]aking cities and communities age-friendly is one of the most cost-effective policy approaches for responding to demographic aging"; and

WHEREAS, the WHO has developed eight (8) domains of community life that influence the health and quality of life of older people:

1. Outdoor spaces and buildings – accessibility to and availability of clean, safe community centers, parks, and other recreational facilities;
2. Transportation – safe and affordable modes of public and private transportation, "Complete Streets" initiatives, hospitable built environments;
3. Housing – wide range of housing options for older residents, other home modification programs, housing that is accessible to transportation and community and health services;
4. Social participation – access to leisure and cultural activities; opportunities for older residents to participate in social and civic engagement with their peers and younger people;
5. Respect and social inclusion – programs to support and promote ethnic and cultural diversity, programs to encourage multigenerational interaction and dialogue, programs to combat loneliness and isolation among older residents;
6. Civic participation and employment – promotion of paid work and volunteer opportunities for older residents; opportunities for older residents to engage in formulation of policies relevant to their lives;

7. Communication and information – promotion of and access to the use of technology to keep older residents connected to their community and friends and family, both near and far; and
8. Community support and health services – access to homecare services, clinics, programs to promote active aging (physical exercise and healthy habits); and

WHEREAS, the WHO recognizes that counties, cities, and communities have different needs, resources, and varying capacities to engage their resources to take action to facilitate active aging; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has joined the WHO Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Network of municipalities encouraging and promoting public policies supporting healthy aging; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Age-Friendly Initiative works to create a community for all ages, where residents can grow older with dignity and live active, healthy lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The recitals and findings set forth in the Preamble to this Resolution are adopted by reference and incorporated herein as if fully set forth in this Section.

Section 2. The City Commission directs the City Manager to work with the Miami-Dade Age-Friendly Initiative, the American Association of Retired Persons' ("AARP") Florida Office, and other stakeholder organizations with the goal of making the City a member of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the WHO’s Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities to encourage and promote public policies or plans that consider older adults and support healthy aging in the City and Miami-Dade County as a whole.

Section 3. The Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and signature of the Mayor.

[1] If the Mayor does not sign this Resolution, it shall become effective at the end of ten (10) calendar days from the date it was passed and adopted. If the Mayor vetoes this Resolution, it shall become effective immediately upon override of the veto by the City Commission.

Meeting History

Oct 12, 2017 9:00 AM Video City Commission Regular Meeting Draft

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Wifredo (Willy) Gort, Commissioner, District One
SECONDER: Frank Carollo, Commissioner, District Three
AYES: Ken Russell, Ken Haridam, Wifredo (Willy) Gort, Frank Carollo
ASSENT: Francis Suarez

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