

**RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING WEST ORANGE ACCEPTANCE INTO
THE AARP NETWORK OF AGE-FRIENDLY STATES AND COMMUNITIES
AND
THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION GLOBAL NETWORK FOR
AGE-FRIENDLY CITIES AND COMMUNITIES**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange works to provide excellence and innovation in public service to promote the well-being of all residents by providing effective, efficient and responsive leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange actively seeks opportunities to forge partnerships to bring additional resources to the Township to support and advance West Orange's numerous programs and services, and

WHEREAS, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and the World Health Organization (WHO) have set forth criteria outlining how states, cities and communities around the globe may be eligible to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network for Age-Friendly States and Communities; and

WHEREAS, these criteria encompass Eight Domains of Livability, including Housing, Transportation, Public Spaces, Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Employment, Access to Healthcare and Support Services, and Communications and Information; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange, New Jersey adopted a Re-examination of the Master Plan in 2019 that outlines specific goals which are consistent with the AARP/WHO criteria for Age-Friendly Communities; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange developed an Age-Friendly Initiative, hereinafter referred to as *Ageing Well West Orange*, to implement township initiatives consistent with the AARP/WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities; and

WHEREAS, AARP has recognized the Township of West Orange as a model of excellence for proactive and forward-thinking government by formally accepting West Orange into the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities and the WHO Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange's participation in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities and the WHO Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities will provide the township with additional resources and technical assistance to incorporate best practices consistent with the Eight Domains of Livability, which will benefit all residents of the Township of West Orange.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of West Orange does hereby acknowledge the acceptance of the Township of West Orange into the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities making the Township of West Orange the 13th community in the State of New Jersey and 466th community in the United States of American to receive this recognition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Council of West Orange hereby acknowledges the Township of West Orange to be a designated member in good standing of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk

Michelle Casalino, Council President

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