

**A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF GUILFORD
IN SUPPORT OF THE AGE-FRIENDLY GUILFORD INITIATIVE AND
AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES**

Whereas, Guilford County recognizes the increasing growth of the aging population and is committed to providing access to needed services and opportunities for residents of all ages to participate in community life and also by maintaining the health and safety of all of its citizens; and

Whereas, in acknowledgement of Guilford County's effort to make cities and communities age friendly which has been demonstrated as one of the most effective collective impact approaches to respond to demographic aging and endorsed by the AARP; and

Whereas, the population of Guilford County aging cohort is anticipated to increase by 36% by 2042 or 32,532 individuals among residents aged sixty-five and older in addition to an increase of 103% or 10,819 people in the number of individuals aged eighty-five plus; and

Whereas, the leadership of Guilford County recognizes the impact these increased populations will have on all levels of services offered by governmental and non-profit entities that it desires to become a part of the global network of communities through AARP that are committed to giving residents of all ages the opportunity to live rewarding, productive and healthy lives; and

Whereas, Guilford County desires to become a member of the AARP Network of Age Friendly States and Communities in order to benefit from their extensive research and established best practices among age-friendly communities, which includes: access to a global network of participating communities; technical expertise; and financial assistance; and

Whereas, well-designed, livable communities promote health and sustain economic growth, which makes for happier, healthier residents of all ages as a pathway to inclusiveness and addresses the changing needs of our residents as they age; and

Whereas, all communities within Guilford County whether through governmental entities, businesses, non-profits, the faith community, or its citizens in general will make recommendations for a stronger infrastructure as it relates to housing, transportation, food insecurity and other domains as identified through the AARP Network of Age Friendly States and Communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Board of Commissioners do hereby commit its support of initiatives and opportunities which will promote policies and projects which make Guilford County a great place for citizens of all ages to live and proclaim Guilford County, an Age-Friendly Community.

Adopted this the 18th day of July, 2024.

By:

Melvin "Skip" Alston, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robin Keller, Clerk to the Board