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18 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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21 COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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24 To recognize the importance of the Age-Friendly D.C. Strategic Plan and the
25 District's commitment to its aging residents and being an Age-Friendly city.

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27 WHEREAS, since 1990, roughly 90% of older Americans have stayed in the same
28 county where they have been living, if not the very same home;

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30 WHEREAS, in the 1990s, all but 11 of the nation's 318 metropolitan areas saw an
31 increase in their 65 and older population, and soon the 65 and older population will
32 grow faster than the general population in all 50 states and the District of Columbia;

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34 WHEREAS, in 2011, "Baby Boomers," the term describing a person born between
35 1946 and 1964, began turning 65, and the number of older people will increase
36 dramatically during the 2010-2030 period;

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38 WHEREAS, the older population in 2030 is projected to be twice that in 2000,
39 growing from 5.3 million to 71.5 million and representing nearly 20% of the total U.S.
40 population;

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42 WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau projects that the population age 85 and over
43 could grow from 5.3 million in 2006 to nearly 21 million by 2050;

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45 WHEREAS, some researchers predict that death rates at older ages will decline
46 more rapidly than is reflected in the U.S. Census Bureau’s projections, which could lead
47 to greater growth of this population;

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49 WHEREAS, there have been reports, specifically *AARP’s Beyond 50.05: A Report to*
50 *the Nation on Livable Communities*, illustrating that nearly 90% of the 50+ population
51 surveyed would prefer to remain in their own homes as they age;

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53 WHEREAS, according to a recent AARP survey of 1,000 transportation planners,
54 it was revealed that two-thirds of planners have not yet begun considering the needs of
55 older users in their multi-modal planning;

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57 WHEREAS, because active aging is a life-long process, an age-friendly city is not
58 just “elder-friendly,” an age-friendly city is friendly for people of all ages and abilities,
59 and promotes active aging by optimizing opportunities for health, participation, and
60 security in order to enhance quality of life as people age;

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62 WHEREAS, an “age-friendly” community promotes anticipating and responding
63 flexibly to the aging-related needs and preferences of its citizens;

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65 WHEREAS, on October 3, 2012, the District joined other aspirant-jurisdictions to
66 become an Age-Friendly City as part of the pilot AARP Network of Age-Friendly
67 Communities through the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Network of Age-
68 Friendly Cities and Communities;

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70 WHEREAS, since the launch of DC’s Age-Friendly initiative, the District has
71 boldly addressed the needs of older Washingtonians, including launching the Safe at
72 Home program, constructing affordable rental housing for older adults, recognizing
73 local businesses as Age-Friendly Businesses, and launching the Alternative Pathways to
74 Employment Program;

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76 WHEREAS, on November 16, 2017, the District was recognized as an Age-
77 Friendly City as part of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities through the
78 WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities; and

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80 WHEREAS, in partnership with AARP the District has engaged hundreds of
81 residents and stakeholders in the development of the goals and objectives for the next
82 five-year age-friendly plan, based on the evaluation of the previous five-year plan.

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84 RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
85 resolution may be cited as the “Age-Friendly DC Recognition Resolution of 2018”.

85 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia acknowledges and applauds the
86 Age-Friendly DC Strategic Plan 2014 – 2017, recognizes the diligent efforts of the Age-
87 Friendly DC Task Force and the advocacy of AARP, and encourages the Mayor to
88 implement the strategies outlined in the Age-Friendly DC Strategic Plan.

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90 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of
91 publication in the District of Columbia Register.