A Resolution of the Lewis and Clark City-County Board of Health

in support of making the City of Helena and Lewis and Clark County more age-friendly
by joining AARP’s Network of Age-Friendly Communities

WHEREAS, the health and safety of residents of all ages is a significant and appropriate local concern; and

WHEREAS, Montana is the third-fastest-aging state in the nation and, by 2035, will be home for the first time ever to more people 65+ than children; and

WHEREAS, communities must adapt to serve populations who stay healthy and active longer; and

WHEREAS, planning processes, including community revitalization and economic development plans, should include the needs of all people regardless of age, income, physical ability, race, and other factors; and

WHEREAS, communities that are well-designed and livable for people of all ages promote health and sustained economic growth; and

WHEREAS, members of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities become part of a global network committed to giving older residents the opportunity to live rewarding, productive and safe lives; and

WHEREAS, AARP’s Livable Communities Program and the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities offer useful free tools and resources, including technical assistance, print and online publications, and grants to help communities become more vibrant, healthy, and safe for people of all ages;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lewis and Clark City-County Board of Health recommends that the City of Helena and Lewis and Clark County prioritize the health and well-being of all residents by entering into the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

Adopted by the Lewis and Clark City-County Board of Health on this day, May 28, 2020.

BY: Justin Murgel, Chair

Our mission is to improve and protect the health of all Lewis and Clark County residents