

Daniel Spitale, Councilman at Large
Barry Tyler, Jr., 3rd District Councilma

RESOLUTION NO. R18

**RESOLUTION DECLARING JULY OLDER AMERICANS MONTH
IN HAMMOND, INDIANA AND TO APPLY TO JOIN
AARP NETWORK OF AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES**

WHEREAS: In the United States, the proportion of individuals aged 65 and over is projected to rise by 2030.

WHEREAS: Research shows that older Americans overwhelmingly wish to remain in their homes and communities as they age; and

WHEREAS: There are numerous social and economic benefits to building a community that is inclusive and meets the changing needs of all age levels of our residents; and

WHEREAS: Aging is a lifelong process, such that an age-friendly community is not just "elder-friendly" but also facilitates the well-being of all ages; and

WHEREAS: An age-friendly community has policies, services, and structures that facilitate older adults staying healthy, participating in economic growth, remaining socially active, and living in security. Communities in which older adults can "successfully age" are more likely to both mitigate the challenges and enjoy the opportunities related to their older citizens.

WHEREAS: The City of Hammond is a strong proponent of identifying the needs of its older adult citizens and launching age-friendly initiatives through developing a 5-year Aging Plan; and

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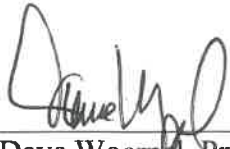
WHEREAS: The City of Hammond will develop a 5-year Aging Plan (2025-2029), that is expected to be presented to the Mayor and the Hammond Common Council for review and approval; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Hammond as follows:

1. We proclaim July 2025 as OLDER AMERICANS MONTH in Hammond, Indiana. We urge all citizens, business leaders, elected officials, government staff, philanthropists, educators, civic groups, advocacy organizations, and service organizations to recognize that older adults are a valuable resource to our community. Additionally, we encourage everyone to engage older adults in all aspects of community and civic life.
2. The City of Hammond will initiate action to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities.
3. That the City Council recommends the naming of a City of Hammond Aging-Friendly Committee to:
 - a. Convene a steering team to lead the Age-Friendly Community Initiative. The steering team should actively seek input from diverse stakeholders, with significant participation from older City of Hammond residents, and
 - b. Draft, review, and assist in the implementation of a 2025-2029 City of Hammond Aging Plan and incorporate the AARP Age-Friendly Community framework in the Plan.

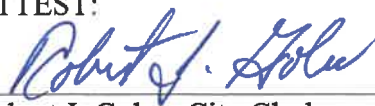
ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this

14th day of July, 2025.



Dave Woerpel, President
Hammond Common Council

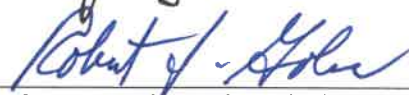
ATTEST:



Robert J. Golec, City Clerk
City of Hammond, Indiana

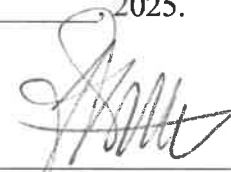
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PRESENTED BY ME, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond, Indiana, to the Mayor, for approval and signature, this 15th day of July, 2025.




Robert J. Golec, City Clerk
City of Hammond, Indiana

The foregoing Resolution No. R18 consisting of three (3) typewritten pages, including this page, was APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this 15th day of July, 2025.



Thomas M. McDermott, Jr., Mayor
City of Hammond, Indiana

Approved PASSED by the Common Council on the 14th day of July, 2025 and by the Mayor on the 15th day of July, 2025.



Robert J. Golec, City Clerk,
Hammond, Indiana