I. **Report In Brief**

The purpose of this report is to request the Board of Aldermen approve a resolution acknowledging, supporting, and promoting the First Suburbs Coalition’s and Mid-America Regional Council’s (MARC) efforts in developing the KC Communities For All Ages initiative.

II. **Background**

In 2012, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), along with a select group of organizations across the United States, came together as the result of grant funds made available to study the issuing of aging in our communities and what communities can do to create awareness of changing demographics and plan its services and infrastructure to be responsive to residents of all ages. Part of the Phase I work included a First Suburbs Coalition and the KC Communities For All Ages Joint Planning Committee that held focus groups on the issues of aging in NE Johnson County, Kansas and in the cities of Gladstone and Raytown. The work product that came from this effort included a Toolkit For Elected Officials and Planners as well as a Toolkit Workshop.

This national effort led to a second round of grant funding in which the original 5 grant-funded partners, including MARC, developed the KC Communities For All Ages network, developed a regional policy framework for implementing this program, and worked closely with four (4) pilot communities within the MARC membership including 2 Kansas communities (Mission and Prairie Village in Kansas and Raytown and Gladstone in Missouri) on a checklist that participating communities would use in assessing their city as it works to achieve levels of achievement in becoming a “certified” Community For All Ages.

The City of Grandview was not formally involved in Phase I or II work effort, but was always involved and informed of the work as part of the First Suburbs Coalition. We were fortunate to have Cathy Boyer-Shesol, Project Manager for the Communities For All Ages work, come and present this work to the City’s Leadership Team, the Planning Commission, and the Board of Aldermen in March 2014.

III. **Body of Report**

In August 2014, the City was made aware that a Phase III work would be funded at the end of 2014 and Grandview was asked to be a part of the Phase III work as a Pilot Community for the Communities For All Ages “Recognition Program”. This work would run from November 2014 through June 2015. Cathy Boyer-Shesol with MARC came back again and presented an update on the work for the Planning Commission (a joint Work Session with the Historic Preservation Commission) in November 2014 followed by an update to the Board of Aldermen in a Work Session in November as well.

As part of the Recognition Program being test piloted by MARC, the first level of Recognition (Bronze Level) requires a Resolution of Support be adopted by the Board of Aldermen indicating its intent to become a...
Community For All Ages.

IV. Board Action Requested
Staff requests that the Mayor and Board of Alderman pass a resolution acknowledging, supporting, and promoting the First Suburbs Coalition’s and Mid-America Regional Council’s (MARC) efforts in developing the KC Communities For All Ages initiative.
Passed this 9th day of December, 2014.

Approved this 9th day of December, 2014.

LEONARD D. JONES, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

BECKY SCHIMMEL, CITY CLERK
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