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**Encouraging policies that support and reward the development of suitable and safe communities**

- 1 WHEREAS people strongly prefer to age in places where health care and other services are available in the community;
- 2 WHEREAS conventional community planning and resource allocation principles often create problems for people as they age, and inappropriate social and physical environmental design may jeopardize the ability of older people to remain in their homes and neighborhoods;
- 3 WHEREAS the process of community planning can focus attention on the needs of older people and lead to policies and guidelines that can shape a livable environment; and
- 4 WHEREAS a community's land use plan has significant long-term implications for creating age-sensitive communities;

***THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 1995 White House Conference on Aging to support policies that:***

- 5 Promote local, regional, Federal, and State planning, in partnership with the aging network, that acknowledges the economic, physical, safety, security, mental, and social needs of older people; requires consumer input; is sensitive to cultural, ethnic, and language differences; and creates housing choices that reflect people's preferences;
- 6 Provide incentives and encourage the collocation of housing and community-based support facilities, such as grocery stores, pharmacies, banks, senior centers, intergenerational programs, day care programs, libraries, and health care facilities, and provide for accessible transportation;
- 7 Link housing and supportive services through statutory and regulatory reforms, including housing and services certificates, to create communities that work for all age groups;
- 8 Increase the capacity of and funding for Federal, State, and local agencies on aging to provide leadership, develop resources, and provide technical assistance for community planning, the coordination of service delivery, and innovative housing programs;
- 9 Support planning for affordable, secure, intergenerational communities that are attractive to persons of all ages, including persons with disabilities;

## Appendix D: Text of the Resolutions

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- 10 Include representation of older persons and people with disabilities in community planning, and create opportunities for them to work with others to develop an integrated approach to community planning;
- 11 Establish care coordination guidelines by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to create a national assessment tool;
- 12 Provide education about parenting, economics, and communication to residents, especially those living in HUD-supported housing.



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