



Request for Council Action

Referred to Council: March 09, 2020
 Subject: A Resolution to Recognize Highland Park as a Dementia Friendly Community
 Staff Contact: Lou Jogmen, Police Chief
 Department: Police

TITLE: A Resolution to Recognize Highland Park as a Dementia Friendly Community

Recommendation:

Staff recommends affirming the City's commitment to the principles of a Dementia Friendly Community which include a commitment to equity, inclusion, access and awareness for those affected by dementia and our desire to provide them with a supportive, welcoming and informed community in which to live and visit. The attached Resolution will assist our efforts at becoming formally recognized as a Dementia Friendly Community by Dementia Friendly America (DFA).

Background:

The number of people living with dementia is increasing as a result of population aging. Impairments related to neurological changes, together with environmental challenges, result in disability for people who have dementia. DFA is a national network of communities, organizations and individuals seeking to ensure that communities across the U.S. are equipped to support people living with dementia and their caregivers. Dementia friendly communities foster the ability of people living with dementia to remain in community and engage and thrive in day to day living. A Dementia Friendly Community is a village, town, city or county that is informed, safe and respectful of individuals with the disease, their families and caregivers and provides supportive options that foster quality of life. Joining DFA means a community is engaging in a process to become more dementia friendly.

Financial Impact:

The Dementia Friendly initiative as currently planned will not have a financial impact.

CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE HIGHLAND PARK AS A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

Whereas, the City of Highland Park, in Lake County, Illinois is a beautiful, family-oriented community with a great spirit of service and pride, a rich heritage and strong desire to help others; and

Whereas, the City of Highland Park is desirous of welcoming and supporting its aging population, their families, caregivers, and friends with understanding and awareness of the aging process and inclusion within the community; and

Whereas, a dementia friendly community is a city, village, town or county that is informed, safe for and respectful of individuals affected by dementia, their families and caregivers and which provides supportive options that foster quality of life; and

Whereas, the City of Highland Park endeavors to be a dementia friendly community in line with its core priorities of public safety, fiscal stability, infrastructure investment, and community vibrancy; and

Whereas, the City’s first responders, the Highland Park Police Department and Highland Park Fire Department, have successfully completed training which will assist Highland Park in becoming a dementia friendly community; and

Whereas, all City elected officials and staff continue to make the pledge to be Dementia Friends, with the goal of promoting community pride and commitment to engaging citizens in a warm and welcoming community movement; and

Whereas, this dementia friendly community effort is being supported and coordinated as a partnership, across all sectors, through the implementation of a Dementia Friendly Advisory Committee consisting of local governmental entities, mental health professionals, service groups, businesses and residents; and

Be it further resolved, that the City of Highland Park will continue to work to be a municipality with a Dementia Friendly designation by focusing on equity, inclusion, access and awareness for those affected by dementia and by providing a supportive, welcoming and informed community in which to live and visit.

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Nancy R. Rotering, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ghida S. Neukirch, City Clerk