WHEREAS, retirement planning was once thought of as an issue for older, wealthier adults to deal with, the truth is that preparing for a secure future is no longer considered a life stage or income-specific endeavor; and

WHEREAS, each day about 10,000 Baby Boomers who are members of a generation largely unsure of their financial future are about to enter their retirement years; and

WHEREAS, providing for financial wellness in our later years is now an individual responsibility; and

WHEREAS, preparing for and financing one’s retirement is now increasingly difficult, with more AmericansShouldering the burdens themselves, and

WHEREAS, a unique set of challenges has emerged, including changes in employee benefits, longer life spans, uncertainty with Social Security and Medicare, as well as rising cost of health care; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing need to educate Americans on retirement planning; and

WHEREAS, carving some time out on a routine basis to review your finances and assess you financial preparedness for retirement is an achievable first step; and WHEREAS, being proactive about planning and seeking professional guidance when warranted can help Americans achieve financial freedom; and

WHEREAS, crafting a holistic financial plan for retirement can restore confidence and build savings for those post-working years; and

WHEREAS, experts from the National Retirement Planning Coalition, the group that organizes National Retirement Planning Week® are urging Americans to use this time to develop, review and/or revise their retirement plans with the tools and help available at www.RetireOnYourTerms.org,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that (State, City, Department, Agency) does hereby proclaim the week of April 8-12, 2019 National Retirement Planning Week®; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that (State, City, Department, Agency) supports and joins in this national effort to help consumers focus on their financial needs in retirement.