

Administration
1769 E. Moody Blvd Bldg 2
Bunnell, FL 32110



www.flaglercounty.org

Phone: (386)313-4001

Fax: (386)313-4101

Julie Murphy
Flagler County
Public Information Officer
(386) 313-4039
Email jmurphy@flaglercounty.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Join County Commission as it raises blue flag, diabetes awareness

October 30, 2018 – The Flagler County Board of County Commissioners will again support Florida Hospital Flagler in its efforts to raise diabetes awareness by raising the “Unite for Diabetes blue flag at 8:15 a.m. Nov. 5.

Speakers will include Commissioner Nate McLaughlin, Florida Hospital Flagler Chief Nursing Officer Kathy Gover, Florida Hospital Flagler Foundation Member Laura Gilvary, and Flagler County Health Department Administrator Bob Snyder.

Snyder will introduce a diabetes education, training, treatment, and prevention program that will begin in 2019. Diabetes affects 14 percent of Flagler County adults, and it was identified as a local health priority during the last community health assessment.

“We will be partnering with Adventist Health, our Health Care partners, primary care physicians and the hospital Foundation’s DiaBEATes Alliance group to raise awareness about Diabetes and provide resources to self-manage and properly treat this chronic disease,” Snyder said. “Since our diabetes rate is two percentage points above the state average, we expect this new education program will help reduce the trend and allow our neighbors with diabetes to lead healthier lives.”

During the regular Board of County Commissioners meeting, which begins at 9 a.m., a proclamation will be read recognizing November 14 as “World Diabetes Day.”

“Diabetes awareness is so important,” McLaughlin said. “An early diagnosis can prevent a host of other medical-related issues. Please join us, and wear blue.”

###

Charles Ericksen, Jr.
District 1

Greg Hansen
District 2

David Sullivan
District 3

Nate McLaughlin
District 4

Donald O’Brien, Jr.
District 5