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NASSAU COUNTY JOINS AARP NETWORK OF AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES AND DECLARES OCTOBER 16TH AS “AGE-FRIENDLY DAY” IN NASSAU COUNTY



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Fernandina Beach, Fla. — On October 16th, 2019 the Board of County Commissioners in Nassau County voted to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities. They additionally declared October 16th, 2019 as "Age-Friendly Day" with the signing of a Resolution. This declaration supports the combined efforts of FDOH-Nassau, the Nassau Age-Friendly in Public Health Advisory Council, the Nassau County Council on Aging and ElderSource. The Age-Friendly initiative is an aspect incorporated into the Community Health Improvement Plan and we are excited to have the support of local government leaders.

The AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities helps participating communities become great places for all ages by adopting such features as safe, walkable streets; better housing and transportation options; access to key services; and opportunities for residents to participate in community activities. Well designed, livable communities promote health and sustain economic growth, and they make for happier, healthier residents — of all ages.

Pictured below with the resolution is Commissioner Pat Edwards, Dr. Eugenia Ngo-Seidel, FDOH-Nassau Director, Mary von Mohr, FDOH-Nassau, Justine Conley, Associate Director of Outreach and Advocacy with AARP Florida, Janet Dickenson, planner with ElderSource and Bob Bolan, PhD. with the Nassau County Council on Aging.



According to Mary von Mohr, DOH-Nassau Age-Friendly project manager, “this is the perfect time to focus on incorporating the age-friendly lens with planning efforts to support persons 60 yrs. and over. The county is rapidly growing and we need to be proactive in planning, to assure our environment and community are designed for maximum inclusion of all persons. We appreciate the commitment of our county leaders and community partners who are working collaboratively on this effort.”

To learn more about the Age-Friendly Nassau initiative or contribute to this work contact Mary von Mohr at 904-557-9133 or email mary.vonmohr@flhealth.gov.

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