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Gloucester Recognizes March for Meals Month

Gloucester County, Virginia Government is recognizing March for Meals Month by helping raise nutritional awareness for older adults and show its appreciation to the County's dedicated Meals on Wheels volunteers. The Gloucester County Board of Supervisors formally proclaimed March 2021 as the 19th Annual March for Meals Month. As part of this special proclamation, several members of the Board and County staff performed a Meals on Wheels delivery March 22 to residents residing in Bay Aging's Daffodil Gardens apartment complex.

On March 22, 1972, President Nixon signed into law a measure that established a national nutrition program for adults 60 years and older commonly referred to as "Meals on Wheels America." Three decades later, the "March for Meals" campaign was organized to recognize the historic month and the importance of the Older Americans Act Nutrition programs. The local proclamation recognizes Meals on Wheels programs that have served Gloucester County's older adults and those living with disabilities.

"In issuing this proclamation, it is our hope that we show how appreciative we are to the dedicated staff and volunteers who deliver meals each week to our homebound seniors," said JJ Orth, Chairman of the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors. "These folks are not just delivering meals but are providing lifelines and much-needed connections to the community."

On Monday, March 22, Orth was joined by fellow Board member Kevin Smith, Gloucester's Deputy County Administrator Carol Steele, Bay Aging's Board Chairman Dr. Barry Gross and Bay Aging President and CEO Kathy Vesley to deliver meals to those residing in Daffodil Gardens. "It was a great opportunity to connect with those residents and glean an understanding of the positive impacts our Meals on Wheels volunteers make on a daily basis," Orth added.

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From left, Bay Aging's President and CEO Kathy Vesley is joined by Kevin Smith, at-large member of the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors and JJ Orth, Board Chairman in delivering meals to Daffodil Gardens resident Jane Scharf.



From left, Carol Steele, Gloucester's Deputy County Administrator; Kevin Smith, at-large member of the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors; JJ Orth, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors; Dr. Barry Gross, Chairman of the Bay Aging Board of Directors and Kathy Vesley, President and CEO of Bay Aging stand in front of the Daffodil Gardens apartment complex.