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**Subject:** Florida Department of Health Recognizes 2017 Healthy Weight Community Champions

Hello Colleagues and Partners:

Congratulations on your work in becoming a 2017 Healthy Weight Community Champion!

The Florida Department of Health (DOH) distributed their media release (please see below) in which city of Venice, city of Sarasota and Sarasota County were named as 2017 Healthy Weight Community Champions. DOH also shared a regional media release (please see attached) highlighting the accomplishments of each county and municipality.

Certificates of recognition will be presented during the meetings as identified below:

- **City of Venice – Tuesday, March 14, 9 a.m.**  
Venice City Hall, 401 W. Venice Ave, Venice
- **City of Sarasota – Monday, March 20; 6 p.m.**  
Sarasota City Hall, 1565 First St., Sarasota
- **Sarasota County – Tuesday, March 21, 9 a.m.**  
Sarasota County Administration Center, 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota

Each of you had indicated interest in sharing this achievement with the media through your own news releases. Please let me know if you would like to proceed sooner or wait until a time closer to the actual presentation. We can provide you with a quote from our Health Officer Chuck Henry and the local release we used last year.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
RECOGNIZES 2017 HEALTHY WEIGHT  
COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS**



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**Tallahassee, Fla.**—Today, the Florida Department of Health recognized 98 communities as the 2017 Healthy Weight Community Champions. Florida's county and municipal governments play an important role in decreasing the prevalence of unhealthy weight in their jurisdictions. Local governments can implement a variety of policies that have been shown to increase physical activity and improve nutrition. These best practice policies are reflected in the Healthy Weight Community Champion submission criteria. Between August and December 2016, local governments were invited to submit best practices they have implemented in their jurisdictions.

"I am pleased that the department is able to recognize the tremendous work these local governments have done to improve the health of their residents" said State Surgeon General and Secretary Dr. Celeste Philip. "Their efforts to implement policies that empower residents and visitors to improve their health are an important part of creating healthy environments throughout Florida." The Community Champions program is part of the department's Healthiest Weight Florida initiative. Healthiest Weight Florida is a public-private collaboration bringing together state agencies, local governments, not-for-profit organizations, businesses, schools, faith-based organizations and entire communities to help Florida's children and adults make consistent, informed choices about healthy eating and active living.

The 2017 Healthy Weight Community Champions are listed below by region.

**Panhandle**

- Bay County
- City of Apalachicola
- City of Panama City
- City of Pensacola
- City of Port St. Joe

**Capital**

- City of Madison
- City of Tallahassee
- Gadsden County
- Jefferson County
- Leon County
- Madison County

**Northeast**

- Bradford County
- City of Crescent City
- City of Hampton
- City of Lake Butler
- City of Palatka
- City of Starke
- Columbia County
- Putnam County
- Nassau County
- St. Johns County
- Town of Brooker
- Town of Interlachen
- Town of Penney Farms

- Town of Pomona Park
- Town of Welaka
- Union County

#### **North Central**

- Alachua County
- City of Newberry

#### **Central**

- City of Belleview
- City of Bunnell
- City of Clermont
- City of Dunnellon
- City of New Smyrna Beach
- City of Orlando
- City of Ormond Beach
- City of Oviedo
- City of Palm Bay
- City of Sanford
- City of Satellite Beach
- City of Winter Garden
- City of Winter Park
- Flagler County
- Marion County
- Town of Eatonville
- Town of Indialantic
- Town of Ponce Inlet

#### **West Central**

- City of Bartow
- City of Bradenton
- City of Brooksville
- City of Clearwater
- City of Lakeland
- City of Largo
- City of Mulberry
- City of New Port Richey
- City of Pinellas Park
- City of Sarasota
- City of Venice
- City of Winter Haven
- Manatee County
- Polk County
- Sarasota County
- Town of Redington Beach

#### **Southwest**

- Charlotte County
- City of Cape Coral
- City of Sanibel
- Collier County
- DeSoto County
- Glades County
- Hendry County
- Highlands County

#### **South**

- Broward County
- City of Coconut Creek
- City of Cooper City
- City of Coral Gables
- City of Deerfield Beach
- City of Doral
- City of Fort Lauderdale
- City of Hallandale Beach
- City of Hollywood
- City of Key West
- City of Marathon
- City of Miami
- City of Miramar
- City of Oakland Park
- City of Plantation
- City of Weston
- City of Wilton Manors
- Islamorada, Village of Islands
- Town of Miami Lakes
- Town of Cutler Bay

#### **Southeast**

- City of Boynton Beach
- City of Delray Beach
- City of Fellsmere
- City of Lake Worth
- City of Port St. Lucie
- Okeechobee County
- St. Lucie County

#### **About Healthiest Weight Florida**

To learn more about Healthiest Weight Florida, please visit [www.HealthiestWeightFL.com](http://www.HealthiestWeightFL.com). A list of the 2017 Champion Communities and best practices can be found online at: [www.HealthiestWeightFL.com/Recognition.html](http://www.HealthiestWeightFL.com/Recognition.html).

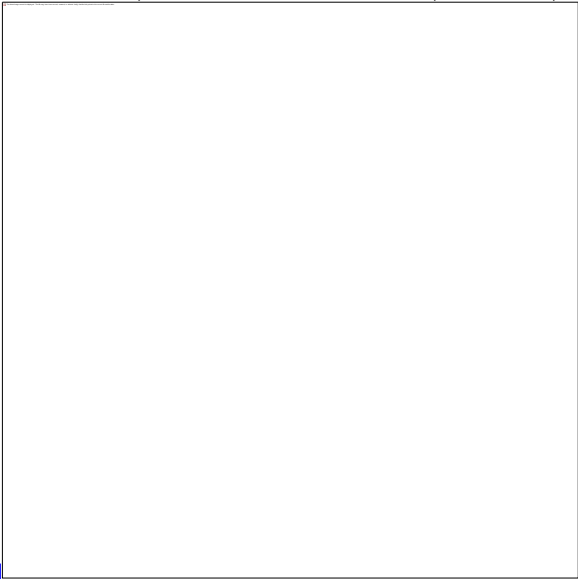
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