

RESOLUTION NO. 2020- _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2020 AS BRAIN ANEURYSM AWARENESS MONTH.

WHEREAS, a brain aneurysm is a bulging area in an artery in the brain which causes the artery walls to be weak and thin; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 6.5 million, or 1 in 50 people, in the United States have an unruptured brain aneurysm, and

WHEREAS, about 30,000 people in the United States suffer a brain aneurysm rupture each year, at the rate of about 1 rupture every 18 minutes; and

WHEREAS, women are more likely than men to have a brain aneurysm (3:2 ratio) and those older than 55, are about 1.5 times more likely than men to have one rupture; and

WHEREAS, African Americans and Hispanics are about twice as likely to have a brain aneurysm compared to whites; and

WHEREAS, ruptured brain aneurysms are fatal in about 50% of cases and of those who survive, about 66% suffer some permanent neurological deficit; and

WHEREAS, approximately 15% of people with ruptured aneurysms die before reaching the hospital due to rapid and massive brain injury from the initial bleeding; and

WHEREAS, unruptured brain aneurysms usually have no symptoms, however they can become enlarged and press on the nerves in the brain resulting in blurred or double vision, a drooping eyelid, a dilated pupil, pain above and behind one eye, and weakness and/or numbness; and

WHEREAS, acute early diagnosis of a ruptured brain aneurysm is critical, as the initial hemorrhage may be fatal or result in neurological outcomes; and

WHEREAS, a ruptured brain aneurysm can cause sudden symptoms including sudden, severe headache, nausea/vomiting, stiff neck, double or blurred vision, sensitivity to light, seizure, drooping eyelid, a dilated pupil, pain above and behind the eye, loss of consciousness, confusion, and weakness and/or numbness; and

WHEREAS, non-profit organizations such as the Trinity Love Hoblit Foundation raise awareness and funding to support neurological research, training, and treatment for brain aneurysms, strokes, and other cerebrovascular conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this _____ day of _____, 2020 that:

1. The Board extends their appreciation to the Trinity Love Hoblit Foundation for their efforts in raising money and awareness for neurological research and treatment.
2. The Board encourages residents to be familiar with warning signs and symptoms to ensure they are diagnosed and treated quickly.

3. The Board hereby proclaims September 2020 as Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

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MICHAEL S. MULLIN