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Department of Elder Affairs and United Way of Florida to Host Florida Senior Day
 ~ *Florida Elders to have their voices heard and to celebrate at State Capitol Building* ~

TALLAHASSEE – On Wednesday, March 29, the Florida Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) and United Way of Florida will host Florida Senior Day, an annual celebration that will bring more than 1,500 elders and advocates from across Florida to Tallahassee to honor the many contributions of Florida seniors.

“Florida’s 5.2 million elders are a treasure to our state, and we are thrilled to host Florida Senior Day for the 17th year to honor them,” said Florida Department of Elder Affairs Secretary Jeff Bragg. “We have a day of celebration, entertainment, awareness, and advocacy planned, and we are thankful for such great partners who will be on-site to share resources and information for all of our guests.”

A Town Hall meeting will take place at Tallahassee City Hall at 10:00 a.m., where Secretary Bragg will lead a panel of advocates and policy experts to discuss preparation for the booming elder population and important aging topics like guardianship, elder-friendly cities, and resources for those affected by dementia. Seniors will also be able to participate as they pose questions to the panel. **Panel participants in the Town Hall include DOEA Secretary Jeff Bragg; Tracey Aittama, MSW, with the Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare Memory Disorder Clinic; City of Tallahassee Commissioner Gil Ziffer; Karen Campbell, Executive Director of the North Florida Office of Public Guardian, Inc.; and Randall Hunt, President of the Florida Association of Area Agencies on Aging. Anna Johnson, veteran WCTV anchor, will moderate the meeting.**

The rest of the day’s activities will take place in the Capitol Courtyard and will include performances by senior entertainment groups from as far away as Miami Gardens, more than 70 interactive partner booths with free resources and giveaways for attendees, complimentary health screenings, and a Newk’s Eatery lunch.

DOEA Secretary Jeff Bragg will address attendees during a mid-day program, and he will be joined by Ted Granger, President of United Way of Florida. Secretary Bragg will also present an award to the City of Tallahassee and Leon County for their accomplishments as the first Dementia-Caring Community through DOEA’s Dementia Care and Cure Initiative and their dedication to improving the lives of local residents affected by Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias.

Please visit www.FloridaSeniorDay.org for more information about Florida Senior Day.

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The Department of Elder Affairs, the State Unit on Aging, helps Florida’s elders to remain healthy, safe, and independent. For more information, please visit elderaffairs.org