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### **Kent County Celebrates Brain Injury Awareness Month**

**Dover, Del.** – On February 28<sup>th</sup> the Kent County Levy Court declared March 2023, as Brain Injury Awareness Month in Kent County, Delaware. Cheryl Ducette Executive Director of the Brain Injury Association of Delaware (BIADE) was in attendance to receive Resolution 3975 along with five BIADE board members.

Research shows that approximately 84% of brain injury survivors do not get the follow-up care they need after they leave the hospital. In the State of Delaware there are approximately 65,000 persons living with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). Only 14% of Delawareans received a follow-up visit after being treated for TBI in an emergency department or critical care facility. Brain injury survivors have a difficult time navigating the medical system to access the resources they need.

According to BIADE, 90% of Delaware households have a child who plays non-scholastic sports. Ten percent of TBI-related injuries per year are due to sports and recreational activities. Children Ages 0-4 and youth and young adults 15-24 have the second and third highest rates of TBI related emergency room visits.

The Levy Court is urging our fellow citizens to support the efforts of the Brain Injury Association of Delaware to increase awareness, and as a reminder, the Kent County Administrative Complex will shine blue lights as a reminder.

The Brain Injury Association of Delaware connects brain injury survivors and caregivers to resources in the community and offers monthly support groups to meet specific needs of each survivor. For more information contact the Brain Injury Association of Delaware at 302-423-1119 or email, [director@biade.org](mailto:director@biade.org).

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