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JUAREZ APPOINTED HEALTH OFFICER FOR TAYLOR COUNTY



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Tallahassee, Fla.—The Florida Department of Health has announced Padraic Juarez as the health officer in Taylor County. Juarez has served as the interim health officer for Taylor County since 2014 and he also currently serves as the health officer in Wakulla County.

“We are happy to expand Padraic’s role in the department to include Health Officer of Taylor County,” said Paul Myers, Acting Deputy Secretary for County Health Systems. “We are confident that his wealth of experience and institutional knowledge of the department will serve the people of Taylor County, and will continue to serve the people of Wakulla County, well.”

Juarez has worked in public health for more than 30 years, beginning his career with the department in 1991 at the Florida Department of Health in Jefferson County. Throughout his career, he has held various leadership positions both at the county level and at the state office in the Bureau of Environmental Health. There, Juarez worked as the liaison between the department and federal offices for programs under his supervision and has coordinated with all 67 county health departments at various times.

Juarez earned his Bachelor of Science in Biology from Colorado State University. He also has a Master of Science from Florida State University and is a certified public manager and a registered sanitarian.

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