Celebrating Our First Fifty Years

50th Anniversary
1969 - 2019

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
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Message from the Chair

We are extremely excited to be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. The Council was formed by elected officials from Alachua County, the City of Alachua, the City of Gainesville, the City of Hawthorne and the City of High Springs on May 7, 1969.

For the past 50 years, the Council has brought together local governments and gubernatorial appointees to provide a venue for analyzing issues, resolving problems and sharing solutions among 52 jurisdictions in Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties.

The Council, in partnership with economic development organizations and local governments, has promoted regional strategies, partnerships and solutions to strengthen the economic competitiveness and quality of life of the 12 counties and 40 incorporated municipalities in the north central Florida region.

As we pause to reflect on our many accomplishments, we are grateful for the support of our member local governments and our federal, state and regional partners. By working together, we have been able to further the mission of the Council to improve the quality of life of the Region’s citizens by enhancing public safety, protecting regional resources, promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments.

We are also grateful for the leadership of the 39 individuals who have served as chair of the Council. Through their vision and guidance, the Council has achieved much success as a regional development organization by advancing the regional agenda of cooperation and partnerships.

As we celebrate our first 50 years and review the past projects, programs, initiatives and services of the Council, we look forward to our next 50 years of adding value and making a difference in communities across north central Florida region.

Sincerely,


Louie Davis, Chair
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
History

On May 7, 1969, local elected officials from five local governments, Alachua County, the City of Alachua, the City of Gainesville, the City of Hawthorne and the City of High Springs, recognizing the value of working together with their neighbors, formed the fourth regional planning council in Florida. At that first meeting, the elected officials adopted bylaws and agreed to name the new organization the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

In 1974, two neighboring counties, Bradford County and Union County became member local governments. Following a reorganization and adoption of an amended interlocal agreement in 1975, Columbia County, Hamilton County, Suwannee County and Taylor County, along with the City of Lake City, the City of Perry and the City of Starke joined the Council. Over the next several decades, the Council grew to a membership of 12 counties and 13 municipalities with Levy County being the most recent member local government to join the Council in 2016.

In 1969, the first Council office was located in the Jim Hope Building at 212 Southeast First Street, Gainesville, FL. In 1971, the Council office was relocated to the Commerce Building located at 226 South Main Street, Gainesville, FL. In 1973, the Council office was moved to an office building located at 5 Southwest Second Place. In 1977, the Council office was relocated to the Oak Park Office Building located at 2002 NW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL. Then, in 1982, the Council office was moved to the Alachua County Administration Annex, the former Commercial Hotel Building, located at 10 Southeast Second Avenue, Gainesville, FL. In 1987, the Council office was relocated to the Sun Center Office Building located at 235 South Main Street, Gainesville, FL. Finally, in 1992, the Council office was moved to its present day location, the former Koblar Contractors Building, in the Northwest Industrial Park at 2009 Northwest 67th Place, Gainesville, FL.

During the first several years of the Council, legal assistance was provided by the Alachua County Attorney. Since the early 1980s, Jonathan Wershow, former Council Chair in 1976-77 and 1977-78, has been the Council Attorney.

Today, the Council, an association of general purpose local governments organized under a Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, interlocal agreement whose members are local elected officials and gubernatorial appointees, administers a variety of state and federal programs for north central Florida including Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties. Programs include development of the Strategic Regional Policy Plan; technical assistance to local governments in development of comprehensive plans, land development regulations and grant management; and administration of hazardous materials, homeland security and economic development programs. In addition, the Council staffs the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, the North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team and The Original Florida Tourism Task Force.
## Founding Members

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Former Council Members

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Joseph Akerman - Madison County (Gubernatorial)
Paul Alcantar - City of Archer
William Alexander - City of Perry
Rebecca Allen - Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
John Anderson - Bradford County
Robert Atkins - Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
Stephen Bailey - Columbia County
Susan Baird - Alachua County
Len Balducci - Town of Micanopy
Robert Barnas - City of High Springs
Kate Barnes - Alachua County
Jackie Barron - Gilchrist County
John Barrow - City of Gainesville
Clyde Bell, Sr. - City of Hawthorne
John Beville - Town of Micanopy
David Biddle - Gilchrist County (Gubernatorial)
Rose Bingham - Alachua County
Troy Blakely - Town of Micanopy
Stephen Blakewood - Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
Cleveland Blanton - City of High Springs
Phyllis Bleiweis - Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
Sandra Blount - Alachua County
Shirley Bonamie - Alachua County
Susan Bottcher - City of Gainesville
Benjamin Boukari, Jr. - City of Alachua
Andrew Bowdoin - City of Perry
Edward Braddy - City of Gainesville
Gary Brannen - Union County
James Broughton - Lafayette County (Gubernatorial)
Anne Brown - Bradford County (Gubernatorial)
Leveda Brown - Alachua County
Harvey Budd - City of Gainesville
E. W. Burch, Jr. - Alachua County
W. A. Burchette - City of Hawthorne
Beth Burnam - Hamilton County
Wilbur Bush - Gilchrist County
Martha Butler - Hamilton County (Gubernatorial)
Michael Byerly - Alachua County
Sande Calkins - City of Gainesville
Steven Campbell - Union County
E. G. Cann - City of High Springs
V. C. Cannon - Gilchrist County
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John Carlson - Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
Craig Carter - City of Gainesville
Maxie Carter - Bradford County
Robert Cato - City of Alachua
Jean Chalmers - City of Gainesville
Todd Chase - City of Gainesville
Charles Chestnut III - Alachua County
Charles Chestnut IV - City of Gainesville
Cynthia Chestnut - City of Gainesville/Alachua County
Seymour Choitner - Suwannee County
Samuel Clark - City of Archer
S. Charles Clemons - Alachua County
Melaine Clyatt - Union County
Gib Coerper - City of Alachua
David Coffey - City of Gainesville
Ellis Coleman - City of Hawthorne
Richard Coleman - City of Newberry
Thomas Collett - Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
Courtland Collier - City of Gainesville
Donald Cook - City of Perry
Martha Copeland - Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
William Copeland - City of Archer
Karen Cossey - Union County
William Coughlin - City of High Springs
Thomas Coward - Alachua County
Minnie Crevasse - Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
James Crosby - City of Starke
Clarence Crowe
Shirley Curry - City of Lake City
Clayton Curtis - City of Gainesville
Gordon Dasher - Gilchrist County (Gubernatorial)
Ardell Davidson - City of Waldo
Kenneth Davis - City of Gainesville
Johnny Days - Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
George Dekle - Alachua County
Paula DeLaney - City of Gainesville/Alachua County
Bruce Delany - City of Gainesville
Thomas Demps - City of Perry
Rusty DePratter - Columbia County
David Dodge - Bradford County (Gubernatorial)
Anthony Domenech - City of Gainesville
William Donigan - City of Gainesville
Dixie Donovan - Columbia County (Gubernatorial)
Jack Donovan - City of Gainesville
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Glenn DuBois - City of Alachua
George Duke, Sr. - City of Alachua
Jack Durrance - Alachua County
Garry Durham - Dixie County (Gubernatorial)
L. A. Edenfield - Hamilton County
Herbert Edwards - Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
Steven Elder - Town of Micanopy
Roy Ellis - Madison County
Kirk Eppenstein - City of High Springs
Margaret Eppes - Alachua County
Harold Epps - City of Starke
Paul Epps
Charles Estes - Dixie County
Wesley Eubank - Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
Jason Evans - City of High Springs
Leroy Evans - Dixie County
Ellis Fann - City of Live Oak
Harold Farmer - City of Gainesville
Aldine Feagle - Columbia County
David Flagg - City of Gainesville
Richard Fletcher - Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
Albert Floyd - Gilchrist County
Billy Ray Foister - Union County
Lorata Franklin - Madison County
Anne French - Madison County
Scarlett Frisina - Columbia County
Steven Futch - City of Starke
Fern Ganstine - City of Waldo
Clarence Ganzy - City of Madison
Gail Garrard - Lafayette County
Arthur Gaskins - Bradford County
Mitchell Gentry - Gilchrist County
Clarence Giddens - City of Perry
Benjamin Gilmore - City of Live Oak
John Glanzer - City of Newberry
Mark Goldstein - City of Gainesville
David Goolsby - Hamilton County
Gary Gordon - City of Gainesville
James Gould III
James Grant
Aaron Green - City of Gainesville
Jerry Green - Taylor County
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Kenneth Green - City of Archer
Lillie Greene - Taylor County
Gerald Griffis - Union County
J. D. Grinstead - Suwannee County
Richard Gutekunst - Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
Sandra Haas - Suwannee County (Gubernatorial)
Charles Hall - City of Live Oak
Donnie Hamlin - Lafayette County
Alan Hammock - Union County
Shirlie Hampton - City of Perry
Johnny Hankerson - Taylor County
Pegeen Hanrahan - City of Gainesville
Joanne Harbin - City of Archer
Oscar Harris - Alachua County
Oscar Harris, Jr. - City of Alachua
D. Ray Harrison - Gilchrist County
Grady Hartzog - City of Newberry
Randy Hatch - Suwannee County
Cleather Hathcock - City of Alachua
Thomas Hawkins - City of Gainesville
Adrian Hayes-Santos - City of Gainesville
Carrell Henderson - City of Hawthorne
Joseph Hendricks - Union County
John Hersey - Bradford County
Freddie Hickman - City of High Springs
Marshall Hicks - Taylor County
W. D. Higginbotham - City of Gainesville
Beverly Hill - City of Gainesville
Jerry Hill - Dixie County
John Hill - City of High Springs
Yvonne Hinson-Rawls - City of Gainesville
Clark Hodge, Jr. - City of Gainesville
E. W. Hodges - Bradford County
Roberta Hodges - City of Archer
Willie Hogan - Gilchrist County (Gubernatorial)
Jason Holifield - Dixie County
Evelyn Holland - City of Alachua
Samuel Holloway - City of Gainesville
Helen Hood - Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
William Howard - City of Gainesville
William Howard - City of Live Oak/Suwannee County (Gubernatorial)
Dennis Howell - Taylor County
Franklin Howell - Taylor County (Gubernatorial)
William Hunter - Hamilton County (Gubernatorial)
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Elzina Jenkins - City of Lake City
Ricky Jenkins - Union County
Ed Jennings, Sr. - City of Gainesville
Albert Johnson, Jr. - Taylor County
Doug Jones - City of Archer
Richard Jones - City of Gainesville
Gary Junior - City of Gainesville
Albert Kelley - Madison County
Emily Ketring - City of Perry
James King - Madison County
Ray Kirkland - City of Lake City
Bobbie Kline - City of Gainesville
Ralph Kluge - City of Gainesville
Sidney Knight - City of Gainesville
Robert Krames - Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
Oliver Lake - Columbia County (Gubernatorial)
Hoyt Lamb - Dixie County
Willie Mae Lambert - Gilchrist County
Howell Lancaster - Gilchrist County
Gerald Langford - Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
Walter Lee, Jr. - Alachua County
Ann Lessman - City of Jasper
James Lewis - City of Alachua
Robert Lisle - City of Gainesville
Joseph Little - City of Gainesville
Rodney Long - City of Gainesville/Alachua County
Wayne Long - Suwannee County
Craig Lowe - City of Gainesville
Ricky Lyons - Lafayette County
Timothy Marden - City of Newberry
Jordan Marlowe - City of Newberry
Carole Martin - City of Gainesville
Eddie Lee Martin - City of Hawthorne/Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
John Martin - City of Hawthorne
Jeanna Mastrodicasa - City of Gainesville
James Matthews
Rosalyn Mattingly - Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
Charles Maultsby - Taylor County (Gubernatorial)
Gary McClain - City of Gainesville
Howard McDaniel - Madison County
S. T. McDowell - City of Live Oak
Mac McEachern - City of Gainesville
John McFarlin - City of Hawthorne
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Rodney McGalliard - Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
Judy McGhee - City of Madison
Perry McGriff, Jr. - Alachua County
Kathryn McInnis - Dixie County
Thomas McKnew - City of Gainesville
Dale McPherson - City of Gainesville
Eddie Memory - City of Archer
Frank Merritt - City of Madison
Roy Milliron - Madison County
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Keith Mixon - City of Live Oak
James Montgomery - Columbia County
Dupree Moody - Columbia County
George Morgan - City of Gainesville
Ronny Morgan - Hamilton County
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Patrick Murphy - City of Alachua
William Naulls - Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
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Gerald O'Neil - Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
Donald Odom - Suwannee County
Frank Ogborn - City of Archer
Samuel Osteen - Taylor County
Malcolm Page - Taylor County
James Painter - Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
Blanch Parker - City of Archer
Rudolph Parker - Taylor County
Patricia Patterson - Taylor County
Dolphus Peppers - Dixie County (Gubernatorial)
Herbert Perry - Lafayette County (Gubernatorial)
Donald Petry - Columbia County
E. H. Petteway, Jr. - City of High Springs
Everett Phillips - Columbia County
James Phillips - City of Hawthorne
Emory Philman - Gilchrist County
Lee Pinkoson - Alachua County
Former Council Members (Continued)

Lauren Poe - City of Gainesville
Carolyn Pooley - Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
Orville Powell - City of Gainesville
Montie Lou Prime - Gilchrist County
William Proctor - Town of Micanopy
Katherine Pultz - City of High Springs
Eleanor Randall - City of Hawthorne
Tracy Reeves - Madison County (Gubernatorial)
L. W. Register - City of High Springs
Samarrai, Remzey Paul - Town of Micanopy
James Richardson - City of Gainesville
Joseph Riddick - Bradford County
Paul Riherd - Union County
Tamara Robbins - City of Alachua
Carson Roberts - Town of Micanopy
DeLoris Roberts - City of Hawthorne
George Roberts - Bradford County
Geeorgan Roberts - City of High Springs
Thomas Robinson - Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
Wilson Robinson - Alachua County
Mary Helen Rocks - City of Archer
Walter Rowell - Taylor County
Paul Roy - City of Lake City
Barry Rutenberg - Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
Edd Sadler - Taylor County
Michael Salls - Madison County
Jerry Scarborough - Suwannee County
Henry Scherwin - City of Gainesville
Anna Mae Schoefield - Gilchrist County (Gubernatorial)
John Schroepfer, Jr. - Alachua County
Elliott Scott - Suwannee County
Robert Scott - Bradford County
James Searcy - Madison County
Larry Sessions - Suwannee County
Lavaughn Sessions - Gilchrist County
William Shaw - Lafayette County
J. T. Simon - Hamilton County
Jacqueline Singleton - Alachua County
Richard Slaughter - Alachua County
Andrew Smith - Union County (Gubernatorial)
Wayne Smith - Union County
Carmen Smyth - Town of Micanopy
Fred Sowell - City of Waldo
Sarah Sowell - Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
Former Council Members (Continued)

Robert Spence - City of Hawthorne
Carolyn Spooner - City of Starke
Earl Starnes - Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
Stanley Strobles - Town of Micanopy
Sue Suggs - Gilchrist County
David Sullivan - City of Perry
Eunice Sullivan - Lafayette County (Gubernatorial)
M. N. Sullivan - Lafayette County (Gubernatorial)
Bobby Summers - Alachua County
Kenneth Tefertiller - Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
Bert Thigpen - Madison County
Percy Thomas - City of Waldo
Ray Thomas - Union County
Samuel Thompson - Columbia County
Sidney Todd - Union County
James Tompkins - Hamilton County
Wallace Townsend
Paul Trawick - Lafayette County
Clyde Triplett - Dixie County
Todd Troyer - Gilchrist County
Edwin Turlington - Alachua County
Willie Turner - Hamilton County (Gubernatorial)
Donald Tyson - Town of Micanopy
Douglas Udell - Suwannee County
Draper Underwood - City of High Springs
Frank Urban - Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
Myra Valentine - City of Madison
Lewis Vaughn - Hamilton County
Wesley Wainwright - Suwannee County
Edward Walker - Lafayette County
Jane Walker - Alachua County
Marilyn Walker - Town of Micanopy
James Ward - City of Lake City
Rosetta Warren - City of Madison
Daniel Webb - Union County (Gubernatorial)
Randy Wells - City of Gainesville
Jonathan Wershow - Alachua County/Alachua County (Gubernatorial)
Penelope Wheat - Alachua County
Joan White - City of Archer
Mark Wiggins - Taylor County
Byron Williams - City of High Springs
Charles Williams - Hamilton County (Gubernatorial)
Charles Williams - Suwannee County
Michael Williams - Madison County (Gubernatorial)
Former Council Members (Continued)

Ronald Williams - Columbia County
Edward Wilson - Madison County
DeWitt Wise
T. Gerald Witt - City of Lake City
Kenneth Witt - Columbia County
James Womack - City of Newberry
Michael Woods - Madison County
Travis Woods - City of Starke
William Wright - City of High Springs
Aubra Young - Hamilton County (Gubernatorial)
Earl Young - City of Gainesville
Officers

Louie Davis, Chair

Robert Wilford, Vice-Chair

Charles Chestnut IV, Secretary-Treasurer

Thomas Demps, Executive Committee Member

Lorene Thomas, Immediate Past Chair
Council Members

Anthony Adams - Lafayette County
David Arreola - City of Gainesville
Patricia Bouie - City of Hawthorne
Robert Brown - Hamilton County
LaBarfield Bryant - City of Jasper
James Catron - City of Madison
Charles Chestnut IV - Alachua County
Kenneth Cornell - Alachua County
Frank Davis - City of Live Oak
Louie Davis - City of Waldo
Rick Davis - Madison County
Michael Deming - City of Perry
Thomas Demps - Taylor County
Matt Hersom - City of Newberry
Gene Higginbotham - Dixie County
Fletcher Hope - City of Archer
Linda Jones - City of High Springs
John Meeks - Levy County
James Montgomery - Columbia County (Gubernatorial)
Janice Mortimer - City of Starke
Timothy Murphy - Columbia County
Daniel Riddick - Bradford County
Gigi Simmons - City of Gainesville
Len Stapleton - Suwannee County
James Tallman - Union County
Kenrick Thomas - Gilchrist County
Lorene Thomas - Dixie County (Gubernatorial)
Helen Warren - City of Gainesville
Marihelen Wheeler - Alachua County
Robert Wilford - City of Alachua
Stephen Witt - City of Lake City
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Executive Directors

The Executive Director of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is responsible for all personnel and administrative matters as prescribed by the Council through adopted policies. The Executive Director functions as the agency clerk responsible for filing final Council decisions. The Executive Director is also authorized to attest the signatures of Council officers when appropriate, and to execute contracts and other documents when authorized by the Council.

The Executive Director is responsible for the execution of the Council approved work program and activities of the Council and staff management. The Executive Director exercises supervision over professional and technical planning employees and support staff. The work of the Executive Director is performed with independence, subject to Council policies and professional standards, in accordance with broad directives from the Council.

Over the past 50 years, the Council has employed the following three executive directors.

Richard D. Tarbox, Executive Director
May 1969 - January 1973

Charles F. Justice, Executive Director
April 1973 - September 2006

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director
October 2006 - Present
Projects, Programs, Initiatives and Services

First Decade (1969-1979)
- Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Study
- Gainesville Metropolitan Area Stormwater Study
- Local Government Comprehensive Plans
- Community Development Block Grant Applications
- Economic Development District Designation
- Regional Comprehensive Plan
- Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization

- Overall Economic Development Program
- Alachua County Research and Development Park Feasibility Study
- Suwannee River Committee
- Regional Inland Hurricane Shelter Study
- Coastal Hazard Mitigation and Resource Protection Report
- Southeast Gainesville Commercial Revitalization Study
- Regional Solid Waste Management Master Plan
- County Hazardous Waste Monitoring Program
- Job Training Partnership Act Administrator
- Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Transportation Disadvantaged Program Planning Agency

Third Decade (1990-1999)
- The Original Florida Tourism Task Force
- Local Government Comprehensive Planning Assistance
- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
- Big Bend Tri-County Task Force
- County Local Mitigation Strategies

Fourth Decade (2000-2009)
- Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team
- Statewide Water Distribution Recommendation Review
- Economic Impact Analysis Modeling Services
- Interstate 75 Corridor Council
- Interstate 75 Interchange Development Report

Fifth Decade (2010-2019)
- Regional Economic and Disaster Resiliency Study
- Statewide Evacuation Study
- Statewide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
- Regional Pipeline Training Safety Project
- Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force
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Proclamations and Letters

Each of the 12 member counties and 13 member municipalities of the Council issued a proclamation declaring May 7, 2019 as North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Day in their jurisdiction to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Council and its many contributions in advancing the regional agenda of cooperation and partnerships.

The following pages include the proclamations issued by the five charter member local governments of the Council, Alachua County, the City of Alachua, the City of Gainesville, the City of Hawthorne and the City of High Springs. Also, included on the following pages are congratulatory letters concerning the 50th Anniversary of the Council received from federal and state elected officials, national and state associations, and local chambers of commerce. Letters have been received from Congressman Neal Dunn, Congressman Ted Yoho, State Senator Keith Perry, the National Association of Development Organizations, the National Association of Regional Councils, the Florida Association of Counties, the Small County Coalition, the Florida League of Cities, the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council, the Florida Chamber Foundation, the Greater Gainesville Chamber and the Lake City Columbia County Chamber of Commerce.
Alachua County, Florida
A Proclamation

Declaring May 7th, 2019 as “North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Day” in Alachua County, Florida

Whereas, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council was formed as the fourth regional planning council in the State of Florida on May 7, 1969; and

Whereas, the mission of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is to improve the quality of life of the Region’s citizens by enhancing public safety, protecting regional resources, promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments; and

Whereas, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, in partnership with economic development organizations and local governments, promotes regional strategies, partnerships and solutions to strengthen the economic competitiveness and quality of life of the 12 counties and 40 incorporated municipalities in the north central Florida region; and

Whereas, local governments throughout the north central Florida region recognize the need for regional cooperation to address community issues that extend beyond county and municipal boundaries; and

Whereas, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has engaged in strategic regional planning, comprehensive economic development strategy planning and emergency preparedness planning for the future of the north central Florida region; and

Whereas, for the past 50 years, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has brought together local governments and gubernatorial appointees to provide a venue for analyzing issues, solving problems and sharing solutions among 52 jurisdictions in Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties; and

Whereas, Alachua County became a local government member of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on May 7, 1969 and recognizes its 50th Anniversary and its contributions in advancing the regional agenda.

Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim May 7th as “North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Day” in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 23rd day of April, A.D., 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Charles S. Chestnut, IV

ATTEST:
J.K. “Jess” Irby, Esq.
PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, in partnership with economic development organizations and local governments, promotes regional strategies, partnerships and solutions to strengthen the economic competitiveness and quality of life of the 12 counties and 40 incorporated municipalities in the north central Florida region; and

WHEREAS, local governments throughout the north central Florida region recognize the need for regional coordination to address community issues that extend beyond county and municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has engaged in strategic regional planning, comprehensive economic development strategy planning and emergency preparedness planning for the future of the north central Florida region; and

WHEREAS, for the past 50 years, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has brought together local governments and gubernatorial appointees to provide a venue for analyzing issues, resolving problems and sharing solutions among 52 jurisdictions in Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union Counties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alachua became a member local government of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on May 7, 1969.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of Alachua, Florida hereby proclaims May 7, 2019 as North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Day throughout the City of Alachua, Florida in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and its contributions in advancing the regional agenda.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of May, 2019.

[Signature]

Gib Coerper, Mayor

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North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
50th Anniversary 1969-2019
City of Gainesville, Florida
Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council was formed as the fourth regional planning council in the State of Florida on May 7, 1969; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is to improve the quality of life of the Region’s citizens by enhancing public safety, protecting regional resources, promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, in partnership with economic development organizations and local governments, promotes regional strategies, partnerships and solutions to strengthen the economic competitiveness and quality of life of the 12 counties and 40 incorporated municipalities in the North Central Florida region; and

WHEREAS, local governments throughout the north central Florida region recognize the need for regional coordination to address community issues that extend beyond county and municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has engaged in strategic regional planning, comprehensive economic development strategy planning and emergency preparedness planning for the future of the North Central Florida region; and

WHEREAS, for the past 50 years, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has brought together local governments and gubernatorial appointees to provide a venue for analyzing issues, resolving problems and sharing solutions among 12 jurisdictions in Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties; and

WHEREAS, City of Gainesville became a member local government of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on May 7, 1969;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2019 as

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and its contributions in advancing the regional agenda.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 7th day of April, A.D., 2019.

[Signature]
Mayor
PROCLAMATION

DECLARING MAY 7, 2019 AS
NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
DAY

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council was formed as the fourth regional planning council in the State of Florida on May 7, 1969; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is to improve the quality of life of the Region’s citizens by enhancing public safety, protecting regional resources, promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, in partnership with economic development organizations and local governments, promotes regional strategies, partnerships and solutions to strengthen the economic competitiveness and quality of life of the 12 counties and 40 incorporated municipalities in the north central Florida region; and

WHEREAS, local governments throughout the north central Florida region recognize the need for regional coordination to address community issues that extend beyond county and municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has engaged in strategic regional planning, comprehensive economic development strategy planning and emergency preparedness planning for the future of the north central Florida region; and

WHEREAS, for the past 50 years, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has brought together local governments and gubernatorial appointees to provide a venue for analyzing issues, resolving problems and sharing solutions among 52 jurisdictions in Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hawthorne became a member local government of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on May 7, 1969.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of Hawthorne, Florida hereby proclaims May 7, 2019 as North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Day throughout the City of Hawthorne, Florida in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and its contributions in advancing the regional agenda.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 16th day of April 2019.

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Ellen Vause, City Manager

CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF HAWTHORNE, FLORIDA

[Signature]
Matthew Surrency, Mayor
PROCLAMATION
DECLARING MAY 7, 2019 AS
NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL DAY

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council was formed as the fourth regional planning council in the State of Florida on May 7, 1969; and

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WHEREAS, local governments throughout the north central Florida region recognize the need for regional coordination to address community issues that extend beyond county and municipal boundaries; and

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WHEREAS, the City of High Springs became a member local government of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on May 7, 1969.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of High Springs, Florida hereby proclaims May 7, 2019 as North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Day throughout the City of High Springs, Florida in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and its contributions in advancing the regional agenda.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 11th day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:

Angela Stone, Deputy City Clerk

CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA

Linda Jones, Mayor
May 7, 2019

Mr. Louie Davis, Chair
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
2009 Northwest 67th Place
Gainesville, FL 32653-1603

Dear Chair Davis,

Congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

Since the Council was formed as the fourth regional planning council in the State of Florida on May 7, 1969, it has furthered its mission to improve the quality of life of the Region’s citizens by enhancing public safety, protecting regional resources, promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments.

The Council, in partnership with economic development organizations and local governments, has promoted regional strategies, partnerships and solutions to strengthen the economic competitiveness and quality of life of the 12 counties and 40 incorporated municipalities in the north central Florida region.

Again, congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. I wish you all the best in the next 50 years!

Sincerely,

Neal Dunn, M.D.
Member of Congress
May 7, 2019

Honorable Louie Davis, Chair
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
2009 NW 67th Place
Gainesville, FL 32653

Dear Chair Davis,

Congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. Your desire to serve others is admirable and you truly are a community leader through and through. Your work as a leader in the community emphasizes the importance of dedication, tradition, and self-sacrifice.

One of the best leadership qualities any person can have is a heart of service, which you most certainly demonstrate as the Chair of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. Since the Council was formed on May 7, 1969, it has furthered its mission to improve the quality of life for North Central Florida residents and enhance public safety. The Council, in partnership with economic development organizations and local governments, has promoted regional strategies, partnerships, and solutions to strengthen the economic competitiveness and quality of life of the North Central Florida region.

Once again, congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and its advancement on the regional agenda. It is an honor to serve as your Representative in Congress. If there is anything I can ever do for you, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me and my team.

Sincerely,

Ted S. Yoho, DVM
Member of Congress
Proudly Serving Florida’s 3rd District

TD/KC
May 16, 2019

Honorable Louie Davis, Chair
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
2009 Northwest 67th Place
Gainesville, FL 32653-1603

RE: 50th Anniversary North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Dear Chair Davis,

Congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

Since becoming the fourth regional planning council in the State of Florida on May 7, 1969, it has upheld its mission to improve the quality of life of the region’s citizens through enhancement of public safety, promoting economic development, protecting regional resources, and by providing technical services to the local governments.

The Council, in partnership with economic development organizations and local governments, has promoted regional strategies, partnerships, and solutions to strengthen the economic competitiveness and quality of life of the 12 counties and 40 incorporated municipalities in the North Central Florida region. Local governments throughout the North Central Florida region have recognized the need for regional coordination to address community issues that extend beyond county and municipal boundaries through their participation on the Council.

Again, congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and its advancement on the regional agenda.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Senator Keith Perry

REPLY TO:
136 Senate Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32304-1100 (850) 488-5000
www.flsenate.gov
May 19, 2019

Mr. Scott Koons, Executive Director
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
2009 NW 67th Place
Gainesville, FL 32653-1603

Dear Scott:

On behalf of the National Association of Development Organizations, I offer my congratulations to North Central Florida Regional Planning Council as you celebrate the 50th anniversary of service to the citizens of North Central Florida. Having recently celebrated our 50th anniversary, I know the importance of reaching this milestone and taking time to reflect on the impact the organization has in your communities.

As you know, the North Central Regional Planning Council has traditionally been one of the leading regional planning councils in our nation as evidenced by the number of NADO Innovation Awards the organization has received over the years. Your work in economic development, transportation planning, public safety, and other services has been recognized nationally by our organization as among the best in the country.

Another example of North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's importance to the national network of regional development organizations is your service as President of our organization. The fact that you were selected by the nation's other 520 regional organizations to lead NADO in 2018-19 is a testament to confidence our regional planning councils have in North Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

Please share our best wishes with your Board of Directors and staff as you celebrate your 50th Anniversary. We applaud North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's accomplishments over the past fifty years.

Sincerely,

Joe C. McKinney
Executive Director
May 2, 2019

Mr. Scott Koons
Executive Director
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
2009 Northwest 67th Place
Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603

Dear Scott:

On behalf of the National Association of Regional Councils and your colleague regional organizations throughout the nation, congratulations to the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council as you celebrate your 50th Anniversary.

Since the Council was formed as the fourth regional planning council in the State of Florida on May 7, it has furthered its mission to improve the quality of life of the Region’s citizens by enhancing public safety, protecting regional resources, promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments.

The Council, in partnership with economic development organizations and local governments, has promoted regional strategies, partnership and solutions to strengthen the economic competitiveness and quality of life of the 12 counties and 40 incorporated municipalities in the north central Florida region. Local governments throughout the north central Florida region have recognized the need for regional coordination to address community issues that extend beyond country and municipal boundaries through their participation on the Council.

Our best wishes for your continued excellence in serving the communities in north central Florida and advancing a regional agenda. We can’t wait to see what you accomplish in your next 50 years.

All the best,

[Signature]

Leslie Wollack
Executive Director
May 22, 2019

Mr. Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
2009 Northwest 67th Place
Gainesville, FL 32653-1603

RE: 50th Anniversary North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Dear Scott:

On behalf of the Florida Association of Counties, I want to extend to our congratulations to you on the 50th Anniversary of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. Our association values the role regional planning councils play in growth and development of our communities.

Since the Council was formed as the fourth regional planning council in the State of Florida on May 7, 1969, it has furthered its mission to improve the quality of life of the Region’s citizens by enhancing public safety, protecting regional resources, promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments.

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Again, congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and its advancement on the regional agenda.

Sincerely,

Virginia “Ginger” Delega
Executive Director

VSD:ea
Small County Coalition

April 25, 2019

Mr. Scott R. Koons, AICP Executive Director
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
2009 Northwest 67th Place
Gainesville, FL 32653-1603

RE: 50th Anniversary North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Dear Scott:

On behalf of the members of the Small County Coalition, we extend our congratulations to the Board of Directors, the members and you on the 50th Anniversary of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

For the past 50 years and during the existence of the Small County Coalition the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has provided important services that have improved the quality of life of the Region’s citizens by enhancing public safety, protecting regional resources, promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments.

The Council, has been an effective partner with the Small County Coalition and local governments, has promoted regional strategies, partnerships and solutions to strengthen the economic competitiveness and quality of life of the 12 counties and 40 incorporated municipalities in the north central Florida region. Local governments throughout the north central Florida region have recognized the need for regional coordination to address community issues that extend beyond county and municipal boundaries through their participation on the Council.

On a personal note – I have specifically enjoyed coming to the NCRPC meeting for pre and post Legislative briefings and I look forward to continuing the relationship that the RPC’s and the Small County Coalition has forged on behalf of rural communities in Florida. Again, congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and its advancement on the regional agenda.

Sincerely,

Chris Doolin
Legislative Consultant to the Small County Coalition

Representing Florida’s Small and Rural Counties
May 21, 2019

Mr. Scott R. Koons, AICP Executive Director
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
2009 Northwest 67th Place
Gainesville, FL 32653-1603

RE: 50th Anniversary North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Dear Scott:

Congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

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Again, congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and its advancement on the regional agenda.

Sincerely,

Michael Sittig
Executive Director

President Leo E. Longworth, Commissioner, Bartow
First Vice President Isaac Salver, Chairman, Bay Harbor Islands • Second Vice President Tony Ortiz, Commissioner, Orlando
Executive Director Michael Sittig • General Counsel Knope Conn
Mr. Scott R. Koons, AICP Executive Director
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
2009 Northwest 67th Place
Gainesville, FL 32653-1603

RE: 50th Anniversary North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Dear Mr. Koons,

Congratulations on this landmark event, the 50th Anniversary of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council! At the April 30th meeting of the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Committee the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council was recognized for their 50 years of service to the 12 counties, 40 incorporated municipalities and residents of the region by the Governing Board.

As one of the original planning councils in the State of Florida, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has furthered its mission to improve the quality of life of the Region’s citizens by enhancing public safety, protecting regional resources, promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments.

As the fourth regional planning council in the State of Florida starting on May 7, 1969, the Council, in partnership with economic development organizations and local governments, has promoted regional strategies, partnerships and solutions to strengthen the economic competitiveness and quality of life of the 12 counties and 40 incorporated municipalities in the north central Florida region. Local governments throughout the north central Florida region have recognized the need for regional coordination to address community issues that extend beyond county and municipal boundaries through their participation on the Council.

Again, congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and its advancement on the regional agenda.

Sincerely,

Carl Mikyska
Executive Director

Carl Mikyska, Executive Director
605 Suwannee Street, MS 238 - Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450
1-866-374-3368 x 4037 or 850-414-4037
www.mpocac.org
April 25, 2019

Mr. Scott R. Koons, AICP Executive Director
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
2009 Northwest 67th Place
Gainesville, Fl. 32653-1603

RE: 50th Anniversary North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Dear Scott:

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

Tony Carvalho
Executive Vice President

Securing Florida’s Future
April 29, 2019

Mr. Scott R. Koons, AICP Executive Director
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
2009 NW 67th Place
Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603

Dear Scott,

On behalf of the Greater Gainesville Chamber of Commerce, I would like to express our sincere congratulations on reaching the 50th Anniversary of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

The Gainesville Chamber is the voice of business in our region, with 1,300 members who employ more than 80,000 people. Our vision is to support Greater Gainesville as a global hub of talent, innovation and opportunity. We advance that vision by facilitating economic opportunity, business success and community progress.

We are very proud of the success of the Regional Planning Council and its mission to improve the quality of life of our region’s citizens. Since it was formed on May 7, 1969 as the fourth council in the State, it has furthered this mission by enhancing public safety, protecting regional resources, promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments.

Additionally, the Council, in partnership with our economic development organizations and local governments, has promoted regional strategies, partnerships and solutions to strengthen the economic competitiveness and quality of life of the 12 counties and 40 incorporated municipalities in the north central Florida region. Local governments throughout our region have recognized the need for regional coordination to address community issues that extend beyond county and municipal boundaries through their participation on the Council.

Again, congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and its advancement on the regional agenda.

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RE: 50th Anniversary North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Dear Scott,

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