

Resolution

Northeast Florida Regional Council

2014-19

Honoring

Mario Taylor

Upon the Occasion of his Retirement

WHEREAS, Mario Taylor was hired in January 2005 as a Consultant for the Northeast Florida Regional Council to perform an internal review and analysis of the organization; and

WHEREAS, Mario Taylor was so efficient in his consulting role, he was hired by the Northeast Florida Regional Council as the Deputy Chief Executive Officer/Chief Operations Officer on July 11, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mario Taylor has put in eight years with the Northeast Florida Regional Council, but has dedicated a combined 30+ years of service to the Northeast Florida Region and the State of Florida through his time with the Florida House of Representatives, The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the City of Jacksonville and a variety of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Mario Taylor has utilized his extensive legislative knowledge, from many years working in the Florida Legislature, for the benefit of the Northeast Florida Region; and

WHEREAS, Mario Taylor lead numerous initiatives, including spearheading the Councils Legislative program, renegotiating the building note, lording over the roof replacement, securing the Council's fleet vehicles, driving down expenditures with his strong negotiation skills, "fussing" with the 'white tent contraption,' securing the facility's three current tenants and many other endeavors too numerous to mention; and

WHEREAS, Mario Taylor created the Employee Satisfaction and Safety Committees, which resulted in better employee morale and encouraged employee safety; and

WHEREAS, Mario Taylor brought the Councils computer and telecommunication systems up to "state of the art;" and

WHEREAS, Mario Taylor has provided wise counsel and guidance to both the staff and Policy Board; and

WHEREAS, Mario Taylor has performed his myriad of duties, with efficiency, determination and good humor, from meeting with Legislators in the formation of the First Coast Regional Delegation to blowing the leaves around the building in preparation for Board meetings; and

WHEREAS, Mario Taylor's attention to detail has led to the creation of a 'color coded distribution system' that has made the routing of internal documents more efficient.

WHEREAS, Mario Taylor's efforts on behalf of the Council's Member local governments, the Region and the State of Florida, will be sorely missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the policy body of the Northeast Florida Regional Council hereby commends Mario on his many contributions during his tenure expresses its sincere appreciation for his services and wishes him well in his retirement.

Unanimously adopted by the Northeast Florida Regional Council in a regular meeting assembled in the City of Jacksonville, on the second day of October, 2014.




Kenny Eubanks
President


Brian D. Teeple
CEO