



# MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM III. H.

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DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2012

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: RESOLUTIONS COMMEMORATING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARIE OF THE EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA AND TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

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In 1962, the initial two Regional Planning Councils in Florida, Tampa Bay and East Central Florida, began operating. The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council includes Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties, and East Central is composed of Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Polk Counties.

Regionalism in South Florida began because one county government had a problem it couldn't solve alone - it needed the help and cooperation of its neighbors. Miami-Dade County aviation officials selected a location for a major jetport in the ecologically sensitive Everglades area of western Miami-Dade County and eastern Collier County, and affecting the environment of adjacent Monroe County. In September 1969, the three counties, recognizing the benefit of working together on issues of regional impact transcending political boundaries, established the South Florida Jetport Council, under Chapter 160, Florida Statutes, to allow coordination of regional-scale problems faced by two or more of the members.

The formal regional structure became the South Florida Everglades Area Planning Council and the counties of Broward, Palm Beach, Lee, and Hendry joined the original members. The composition of South Florida Regional Planning Council has changed several times since its creation, with the current counties being members since 1975.

## Recommendation

Approve the Resolutions



**RESOLUTION #12-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL  
PLANNING COUNCIL RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council was formed as the first regional planning council in the State of Florida on February 16, 1962; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is to serve citizens and member local governments by providing a forum to foster communication, coordination, and collaboration in identifying and addressing issues and needs regionally; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments throughout the Region recognize the need for regional coordination to address community issues that extend beyond county and municipal boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council has engaged in strategic regional planning, comprehensive economic development strategy planning, emergency preparedness planning and intergovernmental review activities to coordinate planning for the future of the Region; and

**WHEREAS**, for the past 50 years, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council has brought together local governments and gubernatorial appointees to provide a venue for analyzing issues, resolving problems, and sharing solutions among the 43 jurisdictions in Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco and Pinellas Counties.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the South Florida Regional Planning Council congratulates the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council on its 50th Anniversary and recognizes its contributions in advancing the regional agenda.

**DULY ADOPTED** by the South Florida Regional Planning Council this 6th day of February, 2012.

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Heather Carruthers, Chair  
South Florida Regional Planning Council



**RESOLUTION #12-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL  
PLANNING COUNCIL RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING  
COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council was formed as the second regional planning council in the State of Florida on February 22, 1962; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council is to avoid further sprawl by implementing the *2050 4C's Regional Vision of Conservation, Centers, Corridors and Countryside for Central Florida*; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments throughout the Region recognize the need for regional coordination to address community issues that extend beyond county and municipal boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council has engaged in strategic regional planning, comprehensive economic development strategy planning, emergency preparedness planning and intergovernmental review activities to coordinate planning for the future of the Region; and

**WHEREAS**, for the past 50 years, the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council has brought together local governments and gubernatorial appointees to provide a forum where leaders can discuss complex regional issues, develop strategic regional responses for resolving them and build consensus for setting and accomplishing regional goals among the local jurisdictions located in Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Volusia Counties.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the South Florida Regional Planning Council congratulates the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council on its 50th Anniversary and recognizes its contributions in advancing the regional agenda.

**DULY ADOPTED** by the South Florida Regional Planning Council this 6th day of February, 2012.

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Heather Carruthers, Chair  
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