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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## Flagler County to honor Charlie Ericksen with Celebration of Life ceremony 10 a.m. August 29

**August 23, 2023** – The Flagler County Board of County Commissioners and County Administration are hosting a Celebration of Life service for former two-term commissioner Charlie Ericksen who passed away on July 31. The ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 29, in the Commission Chambers.

The Commission at its regular meeting on Monday approved a resolution honoring the life and memory of Ericksen. His photo was placed on the dais where it will remain until after the ceremony, which is deemed an official period of mourning.

Ericksen – who was born in Hartford, Connecticut, on January 27, 1943 – lived a storied life that included: an illustrious career of 35 years in the insurance industry; was a cadet in the Army ROTC program while at the University of Connecticut; served as a first lieutenant with the U.S. Army stateside during the Vietnam War and was assigned the delicate task of informing families that their loved ones had either been killed or were Missing in Action; received the U.S. Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service; and, rode his bicycle at least 24,902 miles, which is equal to the circumference of the earth.

Ericksen moved to Flagler County in the early 2000s.

He was a devoted two-term member of the Board of County Commissioners from 2012 through 2020, and was passionate about issues that affect seniors, youth, and the disadvantaged. He attended every graduation of the Flagler Drug Court; he chaired the Carver Center Governance Board. Ericksen served on the Circuit 7 Juvenile Justice Advisory Board, the Flagler County Department of Juvenile Justice Council, the Flagler County Canvassing Board, the School Planning Oversight Committee, and the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board.

The Board of County Commissioners resolved, “To the family of Charlie Ericksen, we know your loss is deep and your sorrow is great, but we want you to know that we share in your sorrow and as evidence of our sympathy, adopt this resolution to be spread upon the record and a copy of thereof be transmitted with heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.”

Andy Dance  
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Donald O’Brien, Jr.  
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The ceremony, which begins at 10 a.m. August 29, will include an Honor Guard Presentation of Colors, invocation, guest speakers, musical entertainment, a slideshow, and refreshments. The Commission Chambers is located on the first floor of the Government Services Building, 1769 E. Moody Boulevard, Building 2, Bunnell.

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