

WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

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Pasco County Honors Joseph Marina for Forty-Seven Years of Service and Community Impact

The Pasco County Board of County Commissioners officially recognized **Joseph Marina** for his extraordinary career and unwavering dedication to the community.

Joseph began his journey with **Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC)** in 1978, steadily rising through the ranks with integrity, leadership, and a deep commitment to service. From engineering roles to district management, his influence has shaped Pasco County for 47 years.

Throughout his career, Joseph has been a driving force behind numerous initiatives that have improved lives and strengthened communities. His contributions include:

- Championing **electrical safety education** for local residents
- Advocating for **mental health services** through Vincent House
- Leading **community redevelopment** efforts in Lacoochee, Trilby, and Trilacoochee
- Supporting **economic growth** as a board member of the Pasco Economic Development Council
- Guiding the **United Way of Pasco County** through times of crisis, including the COVID-19 pandemic

Joseph's legacy of service and leadership was further honored in the **U.S. Congressional Record**, where Congressman **Gus Bilirakis** recognized him as a **"Hero Among Us."**

Pasco County celebrates Joseph Marina not only for his professional achievements but for the lasting impact he has made on the lives of countless residents. His story is a testament to the power of dedication, compassion, and community spirit.

As he retires, we thank Joseph for his decades of service, leadership, and heart.

About Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc. (WREC):

Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc. is a not-for-profit electric cooperative serving over 270,000 homes and businesses in Pasco, Hernando, Citrus, Polk, and Sumter counties since 1947. WREC is dedicated to providing safe and resilient energy and services at the best possible value to its Members while actively contributing to the communities it serves.

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