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It is with profound sadness and heavy hearts that the Mid-East Commission and staff share the passing of our highly respected Executive Director, Bryant Buck.

For more than 25 years, Mr. Buck served with unwavering dedication, integrity, and a deep commitment to serving the communities, local governments, and citizens of Beaufort, Bertie, Hertford, Martin and Pitt counties. Mr. Buck began his career with Mid-East Commission in the planning department where he served as the Planning Director before becoming the Executive Director. Before joining Mid-East Commission, he served as a Senior Planning Technician with Monroe County Planning Department, Tavernier, Florida bringing a wealth of experience in public administration and a passion for serving communities that would define his distinguished career. He received a Bachelor of Science in Urban and Regional Planning and a Bachelor of Science in Applied Geography from East Carolina University. His visionary leadership, unwavering commitment to public service, and collaborative spirit strengthened our organization and fostered meaningful partnerships among counties, municipalities, state agencies, and community organizations. Throughout his tenure, Mr. Buck guided the Council through periods of growth and change, expanded programs and services, secured resources to meet the evolving needs of our region, and championed initiatives that improved the quality of life for its citizens.

More than the accomplishments achieved during his tenure, Mr. Buck will be remembered for his compassion, wisdom, humility, genuine care for others, and a steadfast commitment to building a stronger future. He was a mentor, colleague, and friend to many, earning the respect and admiration of staff, elected officials, community partners, and all who had the privilege of working alongside him.

As we mourn this tremendous loss, we also celebrate a life devoted to serving others. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Bryant Buck's family, friends and loved ones. The Mid-East Commission and staff remain committed to carrying forward the mission and values that Bryant so faithfully upheld. We are grateful for the outpouring of support during this difficult time. Information regarding memorial service will be shared as it becomes available.

In honor of Bryant Buck's lifelong commitment to public service and the mission of the Mid-East Commission, we request that, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the Mid-East Commission Development Corporation (MEDC), 1502 N. Market Street, Suite A, Washington, NC 27889. Gifts will support the continuation of initiatives that were deeply meaningful to him and will help carry forward the legacy of service he leaves behind.