Each year the American Planning Association (APA), its members, chapters, divisions, and professional institute sponsor National Community Planning Month to raise the visibility of the important role of planners and planning in communities across the United States. This year's theme is “Housing As Community Infrastructure.” This theme highlights the importance of housing as part of our community fabric, and underscores the critical role planning plays in delivering the housing and communities the nation needs.

How cities plan, design, rehabilitate, preserve and manage housing has long-term effects on the overall livability of a community. Expanded housing choices are needed to keep up with changing demographics and trends.

Title:

PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2018 AS COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH

Sponsor:

Richard Perez, AICP, Planning Manager

Department:

CD – Community Development

Presenter:

Richard Perez, AICP, Planning Manager

Department:

CD – Community Development

City Attorney

Reviewed:

Consistent With:

Advisory Board Recommendation:

Potential Motion/ Direction Requested:

FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

Staff Contact:

Katrina Lunan-Gordon, Planner 586-7490 x7208 kgordon@largo.com

Attachments:

Proclamation

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City of Largo
Agenda Item 3

Meeting Date 10/02/18
WHEREAS, community planning is a continuous cycle because change is constant and affects all cities, towns, suburbs, counties, rural areas, and other places; and

WHEREAS, community planning and plans can help manage this change in a way that provides better choices for how people work, live and play by way of designing, creating and maintaining the interrelated planning system; and

WHEREAS, community planning provides an opportunity for all residents to be meaningfully involved in making choices and creating a vision that determines the future of their community; and

WHEREAS, the full benefits of planning requires public officials and citizens who understand, support, and demand excellence in planning and plan implementation; and

WHEREAS, the month of October is designated as National Community Planning Month throughout the United States of America and its territories, and

WHEREAS, The American Planning Association and its professional institute, the American Institute of Certified Planners, endorse National Community Planning Month as an opportunity to highlight the contributions sound planning and plan implementation make to the quality of our cities and environment; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of National Community Planning Month gives us the opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of the members of the City of Largo Planning Board, the Community Development Advisory Board and other citizen planners who have contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of the City of Largo; and

WHEREAS, this year the American Planning Association has chosen to celebrate the theme of "Housing as Community Infrastructure" to highlight the importance of housing as part of our community fabric, and underscores the critical role planning plays in delivering the housing and communities the nation needs; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the many valuable contributions made by the professional planners in the City of Largo and extend our heartfelt thanks for the continued commitment to public service by these professionals;

NOW, therefore, I, WOODY BROWN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LARGO, FLORIDA, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2018 as

COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH

in the City of Largo in conjunction with the celebration of National Community Planning Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Largo, Florida, to be affixed this 2nd day of October 2018.

 Mayor

 ATTEST: LERS Burre
 CITY CLERK