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Desloge Sworn in as NACo President *Introduces Year-long 'Counties Matter' Challenge*

Commissioner Bryan Desloge of Leon County, Fla., earlier this week was sworn in as president of the National Association of Counties (NACo) at NACo's 81st Annual Conference in Long Beach, Los Angeles County, Calif.

Desloge was elected first vice president of the National Association of Counties (NACo) on July 13, 2015 at the NACo Annual Conference in Mecklenburg County, N.C. In addition to being a NACo officer, Desloge holds several positions within the organization including his membership on the Health Steering Committee, Financial Services Corporation Board of Directors and the Next Generation NACo Network.

"I am honored and humbled to serve," Desloge said, "and look forward to the hard work ahead to make America's counties better places."

Desloge also announced his presidential initiative – The Counties Matter Challenge: Brilliant Ideas at Work — a friendly competition to identify and disseminate the most compelling county policies and programs around the country that are truly making a difference in residents' lives.

"Local office is about seeing results," said Desloge. "People always hear about it when government makes a mistake, but there's a lot of things out there that are working ... that people don't hear about. This initiative will begin to rectify that."

Desloge also spoke about the call to service: "I like seeing kids in a park I helped build or a senior reading a magazine in a library I helped design and the crack of a baseball bat sounds a little different when you helped buy the kids uniforms."

Desloge was elected to a two-year term of office in 2006 as Leon County Commissioner and was reelected to four-year terms in the 2008 and 2012. He is a board member and past president of the Florida Association of Counties.

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America's 3,069 county governments invest \$550 billion annually to provide services to over 310 million, providing front line support for the health, safety and prosperity of our local communities — and our nation. Whether by providing water and sewage services, building roads and bridges, fostering conditions for economic growth, administering elections or supporting libraries and arts programs, counties play an essential role in the everyday lives of residents and workers across the country.

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