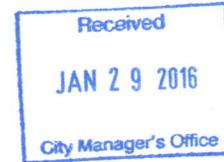




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Mr. Dale Martin, City Manager
City of Fernandina Beach
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LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Dear Mr. Martin,

First, let me welcome you to the City of Fernandina Beach. I know you will fall in love with the island and the people who make up this community.

My name is Ken Byrns, a local resident for the last 19 years. My wife and I lost our son Ben in 2012 due to an accidental overdose of a prescription medication. Since then, we have established the Ben Byrns Foundation with the mission of "Striving to educate and guide young adults to make good choices in their lives". For the last 4 years, we have organized the Ben Byrns 5K Runway Rally held on the taxiways and runways of the Fernandina Beach Airport, our main fundraising event. All proceeds from this event have gone to the Boys & Girls Club of Nassau County, Nassau Alcohol Crime Drug Abatement Coalition (NACDAC) and other organizations that fit our mission.

The reason for this correspondence is to bring to your attention a very special employee on your staff. Bobby Kozakoff from Airport Operations who has been very instrumental over the last four years in making our event a success. His attention to detail showcasing the Fernandina Beach airport to the community during our event is apparent. From having the airport in tip-top shape to having everything in place for the Rally is something I never need to worry about. He is definitely proud of the airport and what it means to this community.

I would appreciate you including this Letter of Commendation in the personal file of Mr. Bobby Kozakoff for future reference. He is a man of honesty, pride and integrity and you are very lucky to have him as a member of your staff.

It is our hope to continue our annual race working with the new tenants coming into the airport. In the past, McGill Aviation was very instrumental in making this event a reality and a success, we are very sorry to see them leave.

Sincerely,

Ken Byrns