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The Honorable Ron DeSantis, Governor
Executive Office of Governor
State of Florida
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis:

This letter is being sent in support of the City of Newberry and their Local Funding Initiative Request in the amount of \$250,000 that has been included in the proposed 2024-2025 legislative budget to support a Veteran's Appreciation Initiative.

The City of Newberry's goal is to construct a Veteran's Memorial Park to honor all Veterans from all branches of the military that will serve as a place for Veterans, their families, and the community to meditate and reflect. The Park will offer valuable educational opportunities for the community and local schools to learn about each branch of the military and their dedicated service.

This is a jointly funded project between the City of Newberry and the Newberry Veteran's Memorial Citizens Committee, comprised mostly of Veterans. The additional funding from the State included in the legislative budget will help ensure this project can be built beginning this year.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary C. Alford, Chair
Alachua County Commission
Chr24.022

cc: Board of County Commissioners
Michele L. Lieberman, County Manager
Sylvia Torres, County Attorney
Jordan Marlowe, Mayor, City of Newberry
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