

Memo

To: All Mayors, County Commission Chairmen, City/County Managers/Administrators,

Development Authorities, & Chambers of Commerce

From: Tonia Hendricks

Date: April 30, 2018

Re: 2019 Okefenokee Occasion

The date for the next Okefenokee Occasion has been set for **Wednesday**, **January 9**, **2019**. The Okefenokee Occasion is a multi-county legislative reception held annually at the Depot in downtown Atlanta. The purpose of the event is to ensure that State Leaders are aware of the needs in this region and that they keep these needs in mind when making decisions that impact our communities. Over 500 influential state leaders attended this past January and the upcoming event is expected to be an even greater success.

This past year, the Occasion was hosted by the counties of Appling, Atkinson, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brantley, Brooks, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Cook, Jeff Davis, Pierce, Tift, Turner, Ware, and Wayne. However, the Southern Georgia Regional Commission Council has opened the event to all counties in the 18-county region and invites all to participate as hosts of the event. The cost for hosting/participating is \$1,500 per county and covers 10 hosts. This cost may be divided between the participating local governments, development authority, and/or chamber in your county in whatever percentage deemed appropriate.

If you would like to learn more about and/or participate in the 2019 Okefenokee Occasion, please

make plans to attend the **Kick-off Meeting** on **Wednesday, May 9, 2018**, at the Southern Georgia Regional Commission, Waycross, Georgia, beginning at 12 noon. **Please RSVP to me at** <u>trhendricks@sgrc.us</u>, by Monday, May 7th.

Join with us in promoting Southern Georgia at the 2019 Okefenokee Occasion.



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