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For Immediate Release:

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast presents the Youth Town Hall Meeting

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FORT WALTON BEACH, February 13, 2017 – Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast – Fort Walton Beach Teen Club will host a dialogue series on Friday February 17, 2017 the “Youth Townhall Meeting.” The Fort Walton Beach Teen Center’s Keystone Club is working in conjunction with Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s National Project to be proactive in maintaining positive relationships between local law enforcement and their local communities. The ultimate goal is to create a culture amongst our members and within our community where all citizens are dedicated to preemptive and intentional communication designed to build perspective, understanding and trust for a civil and respectful society. This Youth Townhall Meeting we will help clarify any misconceptions and educate everyone on the respect, rights and responsibilities of Local Law Enforcement and the community.

The Hon. Gary L. Loster will serve as the mediator for the Youth Town Hall Meeting. Mr. Loster served in the United States Marine Corp, and is an Honorably Discharged veteran of the Vietnam War. In 2012, he was the recipient of President Obama’s Proclamation for Service, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. He earned a Master’s Degree, with honors, in Applied Science from Michigan State University and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from Saginaw Valley State University where he also served as an Adjunct Professor and earned an Associate’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Delta College. Mr. Loster has a long and storied history of working with Heads of States and Governmental Ministers, Secretaries, Congressional Leaders, Governors, State Representatives, Commissioners and Mayors at the local, state, national and international levels. He is an internationally recognized and accomplished speaker; lecturer, and adjunct professor. He is a servant and leader who believes in giving back to the community; and lives by the quote: **“To whom much is given, much is required.”**

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About Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast

Mission: To inspire and empower all young people to achieve their full potential.

Vision: Improving lives of all Emerald Coast youth as the premier youth development organization.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast serves youth ages 5 to 18 by providing guidance-oriented character development programs conducted by trained, youth development professionals. Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast serves nearly 1,600 youth across Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton counties. For more information call 850-862-1616 and visit online at www.bgcec.com.



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