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## FLORIDA CFO JIMMY PATRONIS TO KEYNOTE NCOIL LUNCHEON

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Manasquan, NJ – Commissioner Tom Considine, NCOIL CEO announces that Florida CFO Jimmy Patronis will be the Keynote Speaker at the 2018 Spring Meeting luncheon on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

"We are excited to hear from CFO Patronis about the innovative ideas he has brought forward to protect first responders, combat insurance fraud, and highlight financial literacy" said Considine. "At NCOIL, we strive to bring interesting policy-based speakers that will educate legislators and participants. CFO Patronis fits the bill and will provide a dynamic lunchtime address."

As CFO, Patronis has advocated legislation that would make mental health services more accessible and affordable for first responders, worked with insurance companies to ensure consumers are protected after natural disasters, fought and highlighted insurance fraud to prevent further occurrences and introduced tools that ensure financial literacy.

Registration for the 2018 NCOIL Spring Meeting is open at <a href="www.ncoil.org/register-now">www.ncoil.org/register-now</a>. The meeting takes place at the Whitley Buckhead from March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>. The NCOIL Workers' Compensation Committee is scheduled to discuss Presumptive PTSD legislation on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:15 p.m.

## **About Jimmy Patronis:**

Jimmy Patronis is a native Floridian born and raised in Panama City. He earned his associate degree in restaurant management from Gulf Coast Community College and a bachelor's degree in political science from Florida State University. He is a partner in a family-owned seafood restaurant called Captain Anderson's that will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2017. His public service career began with experience as an intern in the Florida Senate and the United Kingdom's House of Commons. Following his college graduation, Governor Lawton Chiles appointed him to the Florida Elections Commission, and he was later reappointed by Governor Jeb Bush.

He served in the Florida House of Representatives from 2006 to 2014, representing his hometown region in the Florida Panhandle. He was appointed to serve on Florida's Public Service Commission, as well as the Constitution Revision Commission, which meets once every twenty years to propose changes to the state constitution.



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He is recognized for outstanding leadership in his hometown of Panama City and throughout Florida. Committed to active civic engagement and business development, he has chaired the Greater Panama City Beach Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Council, served on the board of the Bay County Economic Development Alliance, the Salvation Army Advisory Board, the Bay County Chapter of the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association, and as national president for the Florida Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. He is a former trustee of the Gulf Coast Medical Center, and former director of the Bay Medical Center's Foundation and Gulf Coast Community College Foundation Board.

He was instrumental in the establishment of the Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport in Panama City and has served as chairman and a board member of Bay County-Panama City International Airport and Industrial District.

He and wife Katie are proud parents to two sons, Jimmy Theo III and John Michael.

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