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### NEWS RELEASE

## **NCRPC to Recognize John Cyr with Lifetime Public Service Award at 50th Anniversary Banquet**

**BELOIT, KS, OCTOBER 14, 2022** — The North Central Regional Planning Commission (NCRPC) is pleased to announce John Cyr as the first recipient of the NCRPC Lifetime Public Service Award. The award recognizes individuals or organizations that have made outstanding contributions over many years to the communities and citizens of the region.

The formal presentation of the award will be made at the NCRPC's 50th Anniversary banquet in Beloit, Kansas, on November 10, 2022.

"Mr. Cyr has been a municipal servant, educator, mentor, civic leader, community organizer, dedicated volunteer, and economic development proponent over many decades, and continues even now, in his retirement," said John Shea, Executive Director of NCRPC.

This recognition represents the inaugural presentation of the NCRPC Lifetime Public Service Award, which will be presented annually to an individual, group or organization that has been distinguished by contributions to communities in the region over many years. The public will be invited to nominate candidates each year with the final selection being made by the NCRPC Executive Committee.

"There are many people and organizations that deserve to be recognized for their long-term contributions to our region, but none more so than John Cyr," said Tom Claussen, Chairman of the NCRPC Executive Committee. "John has been instrumental in guiding NCRPC through the years. He is a visionary leader who has brought hope and resources to North Central Kansas and positively impacted the lives of many."

The public is invited to attend the banquet on November 10 to honor Cyr and celebrate the

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first 50 years of NCRPC's work. The banquet will be at the Down Under Reception Hall located at 121 West South Street in Beloit. Registration and a brief social gathering will begin at 5:15 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. with presentations and the keynote address by noted author Doug Griffiths immediately following. Advance reservations are required and are due by October 25. For more information or to register, visit [www.ncrpc.org/2022banquet/](http://www.ncrpc.org/2022banquet/).

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*The NCRPC is committed to advancing rural Kansas through comprehensive planning and development services. Its primary service area includes 12 counties and 83 cities in North Central Kansas. For more information about the NCRPC, visit [www.ncrpc.org](http://www.ncrpc.org).*

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