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Daytona Regional Chamber selects keynote speaker for 99th Annual Dinner Meeting presented by Halifax Health

Daytona Beach, FL - The Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce will feature Brian Kilmeade, New York Times best-selling author, co-host of TV's Fox & Friends on Fox News Channel, and nationally-syndicated radio host, as the keynote speaker for the Chamber's 99th Annual Dinner Meeting presented by Halifax Health. The event is scheduled for Monday, February 4, 2019, and the location will be announced soon.

Kilmeade has written five books, four of which reached the New York Times Best Seller list. His most recent books were co-authored with Don Yaeger and include *George Washington's Secret Six: The Spy Ring that Saved the American Revolution* (2013), *Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates: The Forgotten War that Changed American History* (2015), and *Andrew Jackson and the Miracle of New Orleans: The Battle That Shaped America's Destiny* (2017). Kilmeade's sixth book is expected to be announced this fall and released in 2019.

Prior to joining Fox News Channel, Kilmeade was an anchor/reporter on NEWSPORT TV. While in Los Angeles, he was an anchor on KHSC-TV and a host on all sports radio's XTRA AM690. His duties on XTRA included co-hosting The Jim Brown Show where he struck up a friendship that still flourishes today.

"I look forward to an opportunity to hear Brian speak about exceptionalism and how it relates to business, leadership, politics and more," stated Skip Lilly, sales and marketing manager, Vision H.R. and 2018 Chair of the Chamber's Board of Directors. "His comparisons between the difficult decisions faced by the historical leaders and the critical leadership lessons they learned is very interesting and relatable to CEO's and leaders of today."

In addition to Kilmeade's keynote presentation, the 99th Annual Dinner Meeting will serve as the organization's official business meeting, featuring the passing of the gavel from Lilly, 2018 Chair of the Chamber's Board of Directors to 2019 Chair, Randy Dye of Daytona Dodge Chrysler Jeep RAM Fiat.

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The evening will also be highlighted by the presentation of two of the Chamber's most prestigious awards, the Enterprise Award and the Lou Fuchs Award.

The Enterprise Award is the chamber's top award signifying that a business has made a significant impact in the community. The Lou Fuchs Award is presented to an individual whose contributions to the Daytona Beach region personify integrity, dedication and hard work. These individuals have likely made a consistent long-term impact in their community through board service and volunteer work. Nominations must be made by previous Lou Fuchs Award winners and the winner selected by a committee of these past recipients.

In 2019, the Chamber celebrates 100 years of serving the Daytona Beach region. Throughout the coming year, the organization's centennial will be woven into events and other activities, including the burial of a time capsule, a social media campaign, and highlights of the last century of business in the region.

The membership of more than 1,000 businesses is diverse and representative of the community. Governed by a Board of Directors of local business and organizational leaders, the Chamber represents a variety of industries, sizes of business, and geographic locations throughout the greater Daytona Beach region. Advocacy is the cornerstone of the group's work and is one of many reasons why it is looked upon as the "Chamber of Influence."

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