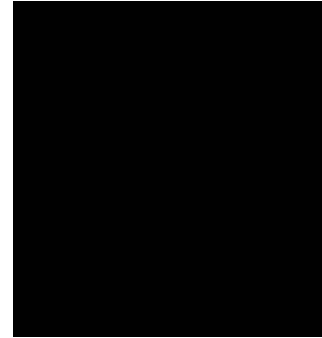
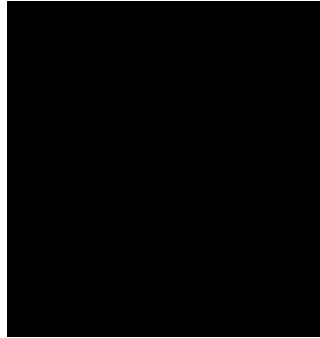


# DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



## THOMAS C. KELLY

*The ICMA Distinguished Service Award is given to a manager who has retired from the profession and made an outstanding contribution to the management profession and local government. The award recognizes a manager whose service in his or her community or communities has been judged by peers as strong or exceptional, and who has made major contributions beyond direct service to local government.*

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In more than 23 years as Volusia's county manager, Thomas Kelly set the tone and example of professional management. After earning a bachelor's degree from Westminster College and a doctorate from the University of Maryland, he served as an officer in the U.S. Navy.

He began his local government career with the County Commissioners Association in Maryland. After serving as chief administrative officer in Prince George's County, Maryland, from 1964 until 1971, he was selected by Volusia County, Florida, to become its first professional manager under its new charter. Believing that local government managers should encourage and provide opportunities for young people pursuing a career in local government, he established a relationship with Stetson University to provide an internship program, and throughout his career he served as an adviser to local universities.

He also served as president of the Florida City-County Management Association and as a member of its board of directors; he was on ICMA's initial Credentialing Advisory Board; and he was, and continues to be, an ICMA Range Rider. He received ICMA's Mark Keane Award for Excellence and was recognized by the Daytona Beach-Halifax Area Chamber of Commerce for his outstanding service to the community.

He retired in 1994, having established the legacy of professional local government management in Volusia County. The Distinguished Service Award honors Mr. Kelly for these and other contributions to the management profession and local government.