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## **Moorhead Mayor Del Rae Williams receives Jack Murray Award from CGMC**

ST. PAUL—Moorhead Mayor Del Rae Williams was recognized by the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) July 26 during the Coalition’s three-day summer conference in Mankato for her excellence in service to Greater Minnesota.

The Jack Murray Award is given to city officials who demonstrate knowledge, leadership, and active participation in CGMC program areas over their public service career. The award is named for Jack Murray, former mayor of International Falls, who was instrumental in the CGMC’s formation.

Williams, who has announced that she is not running for reelection this year, has been a strong supporter of the CGMC throughout her time as mayor. As a member of the CGMC’s Board of Directors and co-chair of its Environment Committee, she has led the organization’s often challenging environmental efforts for the past several years by helping to advocate for reasonable water quality regulatory reform and additional state funding for municipal water treatment facilities. In addition, Williams helped strengthen by the CGMC by encouraging other rural cities to become members of the Coalition.

“Del Rae has been a diligent leader for our organization,” said Dave Smiglewski, mayor of Granite Falls and president of the CGMC. “She really rose to the challenge of leading our environmental program, which has grown to be a major focus of the CGMC’s legislative efforts in recent years. We will miss her leadership, but we wish her the best as she prepares to move on from her role as mayor.”

CGMC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy organization representing 97 cities outside of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The Coalition educates legislators about issues important to Greater Minnesota.

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