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Michigan Municipal League Honors Elected Officials Academy Graduates

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan – (Oct. 7, 2011) The Michigan Municipal League has recognized 16 elected officials from communities across the state for their achievements in the 2011 Elected Officials Academy. The awards were announced during the League's Annual Convention in Grand Rapids on October 6.

The Elected Officials Academy is a three-level program that recognizes the educational and leadership accomplishments of participating mayors, village presidents and council members. EOA participants devote their valuable personal time to attend classes and conferences, and to serve on volunteer committees. The League recognizes their individual achievements in successfully completing each level of the Academy. Each community benefits from the education and experience gained by EOA graduates. Their acceptance of the challenge of learning will better equip them to fulfill the important responsibility of volunteer leadership, and demonstrate greater competence in carrying out their duties as elected community officials.

Level 1-Education Award:

Steve Baker, Councilmember, Berkley
Robert Getz, Village President, Baroda
Rebecca Hopp, Councilmember, Ferrysburg
Maureen McGinnis, Councilmember, Troy
Brenda McNabb-Stange, Councilmember, Hastings
Robert Monetza, Councilmember, Grand Haven
Linnie Taylor, Councilmember, Southfield

Level 2-Leadership Award:

Ricarda Bandkau, Mayor, Brighton
Barbel Dempsey, Mayor, Mount Clemens
Dean Girbach, Councilmember, Saline
Rebecca Hopp, Councilmember, Ferrysburg
Juan Zamora Jr., Councilmember, Leslie

Level 3-Governance Award:

Mary Kerwin, Mayor Pro Tem, Troy
Amos O'Neal, Mayor Pro Tem, Saginaw
Suzanne Pixley, Mayor, Eastpointe
Nathan Triplett, Councilmember, East Lansing

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Michigan Municipal League advocates on behalf of its member communities in Lansing, Washington D.C., and the courts; provides educational opportunities for elected and appointed municipal officials; and assists municipal leaders in administering services to their communities through League programs and services.