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City Officials from Across the State Honored with 2018 Home Rule Hero Awards

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The Florida League of Cities recently recognized 89 city officials with 2018 Home Rule Hero Awards. These local government officials earned this prestigious award for their tireless efforts to advance the League's legislative agenda and help protect the Home Rule powers of Florida's cities during the 2018 legislative session.

"These dedicated municipal officials are some of the Florida League of Cities' biggest advocates for municipal issues," said Florida League of Cities President Gil Ziffer. "Their efforts during the 2018 legislative session were extraordinary. The League and its legislative team are proud to recognize and thank them for their service."

Home Rule is the ability for a city to address local problems through and by local decision makers with minimal state interference. The Home Rule Hero Award recipients are local government officials – both elected and nonelected – who consistently responded to the League's request to reach out to members of the legislature and help give a local perspective to an issue.

Mayor Judy Wertz-Strickland, City of Arcadia
Vice Mayor Leo Longworth, City of Bartow
Commissioner Trish Pfeiffer, City of Bartow
Debra R. Buff, MMC, City Clerk, City of Belle Glade
Council Member Scott Singer, City of Boca Raton
Councilman Fred Forbes, City of Bonita Springs
Mayor Robert Samuel Fite, City of Bowling Green
John Titkanich, City Manager, City of Cocoa
Commissioner Mike Miller, City of Cocoa Beach
Mary Blasi, City Manager, City of Coconut Creek
Mayor Greg Ross, City of Cooper City
Commissioner Dan Daley, City of Coral Springs
Commissioner Scott Black, City of Dade City
Mayor Robert Apgar, City of DeLand
Vice Mayor Heidi Herzberg, City of Deltona
Councilmember Prebble Ramswell, City of Destin
Commissioner Heather Gracy, City of Dunedin
Mayor Walter Green, City of Dunnellon
Bea Meeks, City of Edgewood
Mayor Randall Henderson, City of Fort Myers
Councilwoman Teresa Watkins Brown, City of Fort Myers

Mayor Linda Hudson, City of Fort Pierce
Michael Beedie, City Manager, City of Fort Walton Beach
Councilmember Eddie Farris, City of Freeport
Deric Feacher, City Manager, City of Haines City
Mayor Matthew Surrency, City of Hawthorne
Mark Ryan, City Manager, City of Indian Harbour Beach
Councilmember Matt Schellenberg, City of Jacksonville
Mayor Charlie Latham, City of Jacksonville Beach
Commissioner Jo Ann Lucarelli, City of Lake Mary
Mayor Eugene Fultz, City of Lake Wales
Commissioner Phillip Walker, City of Lakeland
Mayor Woody Brown, City of Largo
Commissioner John Carroll, City of Largo
Commissioner Jamie Robinson, City of Largo
Cheryl Reed, Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator, City of Largo
Mayor Dale McDonald, City of Maitland
Mayor Kathy Meehan, City of Melbourne
Mayor Oliver Gilbert, City of Miami Gardens

Councilmember Cal Rolfson, City of Mount Dora
Mayor Rob Marlowe, City of New Port Richey
Commissioner Judy Reiker, City of New Smyrna Beach
Councilmember Bill Schaetzle, City of Niceville
Vice-Mayor Linda Yates, City of North Port
Mayor Tim Lonergan, City of Oakland Park
Mayor Kent Guinn, City of Ocala
Mayor Dowling Watford, City of Okeechobee
Councilmember Dan Saracki, City of Oldsmar
Mayor Bill Partington, City of Ormond Beach
Mayor Richard Musgrave, City of Parker
Mayor Christine Hunschofsky, City of Parkland
Mayor Frank Ortis, City of Pembroke Pines
Councilmember P.C. Wu, City of Pensacola
Lana Beck, Government Relations Administrator, City of Pinellas Park
Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo, City of Port St. Lucie
Mayor Rachel Keesling, City of Punta Gorda
Vice Mayor Mick Denham, City of Sanibel
Councilmember Holly Smith, City of Sanibel
Commissioner Willie Shaw, City of Sarasota
Courtney Barker, City Manager, City of Satellite Beach
Councilman Dominick Montanaro, City of Satellite Beach
Councilor Thomas Barnhorn, City of Seminole
Mayor Leslie Waters, City of Seminole
John Regan, City Manager, City of St. Augustine

Commissioner Nancy Sikes-Kline, City of St. Augustine
Commissioner Terri Finnerty, City of St. Pete Beach
Wayne Tedder, Assistant City Manager, City of Tallahassee
Commissioner Gil Ziffer, City of Tallahassee
Commissioner Julie Fishman, City of Tamarac
Council Member Cheri Donohue, City of Temple Terrace
Vice Mayor Bill Ribble, Village of Estero
Terry Atchley, City Manager, City of Wauchula
Mayor Daniel Stermer, City of Weston
Mayor Gary Resnick, City of Wilton Manors
Commissioner Carolyn Cooper, City of Winter Park
Mayor Steven Leary, City of Winter Park
Commissioner Pete Weldon, City of Winter Park
Mayor Jordan Leonard, Town of Bay Harbor Islands
Councilmember Isaac Salver, Town of Bay Harbor Islands
Commissioner Tom Shelly, Town of Belleair
Deputy Mayor Stu Glass, Town of Indian Shores
Mayor Drinda Merritt, Town of Inglis
Mayor Marlene Wagner, Town of Lake Hamilton
Council President Ann Kagdis, Town of Ocean Breeze
Mayor Gail Coniglio, Town of Palm Beach
Mayor Carol McCormack, Town of Palm Shores
Commissioner Vinny Barile, Town of Sewall's Point
Mayor Gary Bruhn, Town of Windermere
Chevelle Nubin, Village Clerk, Village of Wellington

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