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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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