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BELLEVILLE MAYOR MARK W. ECKERT ELECTED IML PRESIDENT

Chicago, IL — The Illinois Municipal League (IML) elected new officers to lead the organization at its 104th Annual Conference, which was held September 21-23 at the Hilton Chicago and attended by more than 2,000 local elected and appointed officials.

On Saturday, September 23, 2017, the IML membership unanimously elected Belleville Mayor Mark W. Eckert to serve a one-year term as president of the statewide organization's board of directors. Mayor Eckert was previously IML's First Vice President and has served on the IML Board of Directors since 2013.

Also elected during the conference were Mayor Michael J. Inman of Macomb as First Vice President and Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. of North Chicago, as Second Vice President.

"It is an honor to serve as the next president of the IML. My time on the IML board has prepared me for this role, and I look forward to continuing to advocate for municipalities across Illinois," Eckert said.

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ABOUT MARK W. ECKERT

Mark Eckert was elected to the IML Board of Directors in 2013. He was first elected mayor of Belleville in 2005 and is currently serving his fourth term. Prior to being elected mayor, he served as alderman beginning in 1997. Eckert is a member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Area Belleville Chamber of Commerce and recently completed a four-year term on the Board of Directors of the East-West Gateway Council of Governments. Eckert also serves on the Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission (SILEC) and the Lindenwood University/Belleville Advisory Board. He is Honorary Chairman of the Belle-Scott Committee and the Belleville Sister Cities Organization. Eckert previously served as the president of the Southwest Illinois Council of Mayors.

Eckert is a graduate of the Southwestern Illinois Police Academy. He served 15 years in the medical emergency services field from 1973-1988. Mark and his wife, Rita, have owned and operated Eckert Florist in Belleville for 17 years.

ABOUT THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

The Illinois Municipal League is the statewide organization representing local communities throughout Illinois. Founded in 1913, IML has worked continuously for the benefit of all 1,298 municipalities in Illinois to provide a formal voice on matters involving common interests.