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COMMISSIONER CAROLYN COOPER RECEIVES 2015 HOME RULE HERO AWARD

WINTER PARK, Fla., an internationally recognized ICMA Excellence Award winner with accredited fire, police and parks & recreation agencies (August 27, 2015) –

The Florida League of Cities has recognized Commissioner Carolyn Cooper with a 2015 Home Rule Hero Award. This prestigious award was presented to Cooper for her tireless efforts to advance the League's legislative agenda and help protect the home rule powers of Florida's cities during the 2015 legislative session. 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.

According to Scott Dudley, Florida League of Cities legislative director, "Commissioner Cooper embodies the definition of a Home Rule Hero. She is extremely dedicated and works hard for the citizens of Winter Park. She brings that same level of commitment and energy to helping the Florida League of Cities lobbying team, and is always ready and willing to contact legislators to help advocate in support of home rule. Commissioner Cooper has been, and always will be, a valuable asset to her city and the state of Florida."

Cooper was elected to serve on the Winter Park City Commission in 2010 and is currently serving her second term. Prior to being elected, she was a member of Winter Park's Planning & Zoning Board and the Comprehensive Plan Task Force. As a director on the Board of the Tri-County Florida League of Cities, Cooper is an active advocate for municipal issues in Tallahassee.

Previously, Cooper served on Martin Marietta's Space Shuttle Ground Support negotiating team and later as director of contracts for Martin Marietta Data Systems in Washington, D.C. In her earlier career, she worked for the United States Air Force as a civilian foreign military sales manager responsible for Israel.

Cooper holds a Master of Science in Systems Management from the University of Southern California and has extensive professional training from the Air Force Institute of Technology and Defense Institute of Security Assistance Management, both located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, and Florida's Institute for Elected Municipal Officials.

"Strong home rule powers ensure government stays close to the people it serves," said Commissioner Cooper. "That's why I have been, and will continue to be, an advocate for the League - to help eliminate unfunded mandates and preemptions, and protect cities' right to home rule powers."

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