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## **Thief River Falls Mayor Brian Holmer receives Excellence in Service Award from CGMC**

ST. PAUL—Thief River Falls Mayor Brian Holmer was recognized by the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) Aug. 3 during the Coalition’s three-day summer conference in Fergus Falls for his excellence in service to Greater Minnesota.

The Excellence in Service Award is given annually to a city leader who demonstrates knowledge, leadership and active participation in CGMC program areas over the past year.

Holmer is an active member of the CGMC Board of Directors and serves as co-chair of its Economic Development Committee. During the 2017 legislative session, he was instrumental in garnering support for the CGMC’s environmental and economic development initiatives. He was outspoken about the need for environmental regulatory reform and frequently met with legislators to discuss ways to improve the regulatory process. In addition, he traveled to St. Paul to testify at the Capitol in favor of legislation that aimed to help fix the workforce housing shortage that is hampering business growth in many Greater Minnesota communities.

“Mayor Holmer took the bull by the horns and really jumped into action this year,” said Sara Carlson, mayor of Alexandria and president of the CGMC. “By meeting with legislators and testifying at the Capitol, he demonstrated a strong commitment to finding solutions to the concerns facing his community and others in Greater Minnesota.”

CGMC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy organization representing 90 cities outside of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The Coalition educates legislators about issues important to Greater Minnesota.

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