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## **Brainerd City Administrator Jim Thoreen receives Excellence in Service Award from CGMC**

ST. PAUL—Brainerd City Administrator Jim Thoreen 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.

Thoreen has shown a keen interest in helping to advance legislative issues that affect his city and others across the state. Throughout the 2017 legislative session, he was quick to respond to calls to action and was very involved in meeting with lawmakers to garner support for CGMC priorities such as more funding for Local Government Aid, transportation and economic development programs. In addition, he created useful lobbying materials that served as a template for other cities that were looking to express their needs in clear and articulate ways.

“Jim really emerged as a strong champion for Greater Minnesota communities this year,” He said Sara Carlson, mayor of Alexandria and president of the CGMC. “Every time we called on him for help on an issue, he was already ahead of the game. He went above and beyond to bring attention to Greater Minnesota’s needs and priorities.”

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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