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## **Moorhead Mayor Del Rae Williams receives Excellence in Service Award from CGMC**

ST. PAUL—Moorhead Mayor Del Rae Williams was recognized by the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) Aug. 3 during the Coalition’s three-day summer conference in Fergus Falls for her 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.

As a member of the CGMC Board of Directors and co-chair of the CGMC Environmental Committee, Williams helped lead the organization’s environment program during the 2017 legislative session. She was instrumental in garnering legislative support for the CGMC’s environmental initiatives, which included proposals for more funding for wastewater treatment facilities and common-sense regulatory reform. In addition, she co-wrote a guest column with Mankato City Manager Pat Hentges that outlined the reasons why cities deserve a louder voice in the regulatory process. The column was published in newspapers across the state.

“Del Rae is always willing to stand up and take action when it comes to advancing Greater Minnesota priorities,” said Sara Carlson, mayor of Alexandria and president of the CGMC. “Her hard work this year helped bring much-needed attention to infrastructure needs and regulatory concerns facing cities across the state.”

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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