COALITION OF GREATER MN CITIES

DEDICATED TO A STRONG GREATER MINNESOTA

For Immediate Release
Aug. 2, 2021

Contact: Julie Liew
jliew@flaherty-hood.com
651-259-1917

Former Willmar City Administrator Brian Gramentz receives Bob Filson Award from CGMC

ST. PAUL—Former Willmar City Administrator Brian Gramentz was recognized by the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) July 29 during the Coalition's summer conference in Alexandria for his years of leadership to rural Minnesota.

The Bob Filson Award for Distinguished Rural Leadership is given upon retirement to CGMC city staff members who have displayed sound judgment in rural policy matters throughout their careers and made significant contributions to the CGMC. The award is named for the former Worthington city administrator who showed consistent and relentless dedication to issues that mattered to the CGMC and its members.

Gramentz retired from his position with the city of Willmar in June after serving as city administrator for two years. Prior to working in Willmar, he served as city administrator in New Ulm for 17 years. Throughout his time working for cities in Greater Minnesota, Gramentz has been a strong supporter of the CGMC and a frequent attendee at the organization's conferences, lobby days at the Capitol, and other events. With his breadth of knowledge and experience, he was a reliable contributor when it came to setting the CGMC's goals and priorities on a wide range of issues including Local Government Aid, economic development, infrastructure needs, and environmental regulations.

"We can always count on Brian to be there when we need him," said Greg Zylka, mayor of Little Falls and president of the CGMC. "He has been very generous with his time and is open to sharing his insights and opinions. He also understands the importance of uniting Greater Minnesota communities together through an organization like the CGMC and encourages city officials to get involved. We are grateful for his years of service to Willmar, New Ulm and communities across Greater Minnesota."

CGMC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy organization representing more than 100 cities outside of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The Coalition educates legislators about issues important to Greater Minnesota.

###