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Warren City Administrator Shannon Mortenson receives Excellence in Service Award from CGMC

ST. PAUL—Warren City Administrator Shannon Mortenson was recognized by the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) July 29 during the Coalition's summer conference in Alexandria for her excellence in service to Greater Minnesota.

The Excellence in Service Award is given annually to city leaders who demonstrate knowledge, leadership and active participation in CGMC program areas.

Over the past several years, Mortenson has been an outspoken advocate for finding solutions to the child care shortage that impacts her city and other communities across Greater Minnesota. She has been actively engaged in the CGMC's efforts to seek state funding for new and existing programs that provide business training and support for child care providers and promote construction or expansion of child care facilities in Greater Minnesota. This year, Mortenson testified before legislative committees in favor of the CGMC's legislative initiatives on child care and met with key lawmakers and the media to drum up additional support.

"Shannon has been a strong and loyal partner in our quest to fix the child care crisis in Greater Minnesota," said Greg Zylka, mayor of Little Falls and president of the CGMC. "She understands the interplay between child care and economic growth — unless we have enough child care providers, our communities cannot support the workers and businesses that drive our local economies. Her efforts helped bring attention to this critical issue and secure millions in state funding for child care initiatives in 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.

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