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Michigan Municipal Executives Hosts Annual Winter Institute and Awards Program

Lansing Michigan, - Michigan Municipal Executives was pleased to announce its annual Awards Program during its Winter Institute in Lansing, Michigan this week, showcasing the organization's commitment to fostering innovation and excellence in municipal leadership and honoring those who are demonstrating an exemplary job in Michigan communities.

Michigan Municipal Executives (MME) is a leading organization dedicated to supporting municipal leaders in the state. Comprising a diverse network of professionals, MME empowers its members through education, collaboration, and advocacy. As the voice of municipal executives in Michigan, the organization plays a pivotal role in shaping the future of local governance.

In recognition of outstanding achievements and contributions to the field of municipal leadership, Michigan Municipal Executives proudly presents its Awards Program. This program honors individuals that have demonstrated exceptional dedication, innovation, and positive impact within Michigan communities.

"This year's award winners once again highlight the very best of our profession. Their achievements demonstrate the commitment our members hold and the work that they carry out every day in their communities and in service of good local government." Shared MME President Christian Wuerth.

Awards Program Winners include:

Executive of the Year Award: Lynn Markland, City Manager of Fenton **New Executive Award:** Kaitlyn Aldrich, Village Manager of Kingsley Mentoring Award: David Faber, City Manager Sandusky

Outstanding Assistant City Manager Award: Brandon Skopek, Assistant

City Manager City of Auburn Hills

Emerging Leadership Award: Andrew Hagge, Management Assistant City of Auburn Hills

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EX-OFFICIO MATT FULTON ICMA **Advancing Women in Local Government Award:** Rebecca Fleury, City Manager for Battle Creek

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Award: Mark Vanderpool, City Manager of Sterling Heights

Nominees were evaluated by a distinguished panel of their peers, ensuring a fair selection process. Winners were celebrated during a special ceremony at the Winter Institute, gaining well-deserved recognition for their significant contributions.

About Michigan Municipal Executives:

The Michigan Municipal Executive is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the knowledge, skills, and effectiveness of municipal leaders in the state. With a focus on education, collaboration, and advocacy, MME strives to create resilient and vibrant communities across Michigan. Learn more at https://www.mme.org/