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JACKSONVILLE MAYOR ANDY EZARD ELECTED TO IML BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Springfield, IL— Last month in Chicago, the Illinois Municipal League held its 100th Annual Conference. Over 1,500 mayors, council members, and local officials attended the conference recognizing IML’s “*Century of Service to Illinois Municipalities.*” The IML Conference is the gathering place for education, in-depth working sessions, and learning about new laws and responsibilities for municipalities and municipal officials. It is also where new officers are elected to lead the IML’s 1,124 municipal-membership.

On October 19, 2013, the IML membership elected 36 Vice Presidents to take a leadership role within the statewide organization. Jacksonville Mayor Andy Ezard was elected to serve as one of the Vice Presidents. This is a vital, active Board that carries out the mission of the IML.

The Illinois Municipal League is Illinois’ statewide lobby and education organization whose special interest is the people, so municipalities can have a powerful resource and voice in Springfield. IML’s mission is to keep decision making local.

Mayor Ezard said, “I am honored to represent Jacksonville and become a strong voice for my community on a statewide level.”

Andy Ezard has served as Jacksonville’s Mayor since 2009 and is currently serving in his second four-year term in office. Ezard served as City Clerk of Jacksonville from 2005 to 2009. Prior to his service with the City of Jacksonville, Mayor Ezard worked in State Government from 1991 to 2005 – working in the Office of Governor Jim Edgar and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. He is a lifelong resident of Jacksonville. Mayor Ezard and his wife, Jenissa, are parents of one daughter, Kaylee, and one son, Drew.

ABOUT THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

The Illinois Municipal League was founded in 1913 and has worked continuously for the benefit of municipalities. The Illinois Municipal League is a not-for-profit, non-political association of 1,124 municipalities in the State of Illinois. The League’s mission is to articulate, defend, maintain, and promote the interests and concerns of Illinois communities. The governing board is comprised of chief elected officials of member municipalities.

The IML:

Provides a formal voice for Illinois municipalities in matters involving common interests.

Promotes competence and integrity in administration of municipal government.

Provides municipal officials knowledge and experience to best administer their duties.

Provides direct informational mailings such as the Illinois Municipal Review monthly magazine; Legislative Bulletin published during the General Assembly session; Legal Bulletin published bi-monthly and sent to all municipal attorneys.

Provides publications the Illinois Municipal Handbook, Illinois Municipal Directory, Zoning Handbook.

Educates members via conferences, road shows, and other educational meetings.