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Mark Jackson Honored at League Annual Conference

After more than three decades of service to Iowa local government, Story City City Administrator Mark Jackson has been inducted into the Iowa League of Cities Hall of Fame. Jackson was honored during the Iowa League of Cities Annual Conference & Exhibit. The Hall of Fame Award recognizes individuals whose service to the League is considered extraordinary.

Jackson has worked in city government for 35 years, beginning his career as village manager in Homer, Michigan. In 1993, he joined the City of Story City as its city administrator, a position he has held for more than 32 years. During his career in Iowa, Jackson has been deeply involved with the Iowa League of Cities and served on the League's Executive Board from 2002-2006. He has also been a strong advocate for city government at the Iowa Legislature and has worked to help city officials understand and address issues affecting their communities.

"Mark has devoted his career to strengthening local government and serving the communities and people who rely on it," said Brent Hinson, Assistant City Manager for Ankeny. "His commitment to the League, his advocacy on behalf of cities and his willingness to share his knowledge with colleagues across Iowa have made him a tremendous asset to municipal government."

Jackson's service extends well beyond his role in Story City. For the past 20 years, he has provided consulting services to cities throughout Iowa, assisting communities with strategic goal-setting and executive searches. Through that work, he has helped city councils and municipal organizations identify priorities, strengthen leadership and plan for the future. He has also shared his experience in the classroom, serving as an adjunct instructor at Grand View University and Iowa State University, where he has taught students about local government and municipal management.

Jackson is an International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Credentialed Manager and a past president of the Iowa City/County Management Association.

Jackson's induction into the Iowa League of Cities Hall of Fame recognizes his longstanding service to the League and the many ways he has contributed to local government throughout Iowa.

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