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**Donecker to Help Lead New Mayors Group**

*North Carolina Mayors Association to Lead on Issues Important to all Municipalities*

(RALEIGH) -- Reidsville Mayor Jay Donecker will help lead a new organization of North Carolina mayors dedicated to improving life in all of the state's municipalities by seeking public focus on and finding solutions to critical issues facing the state.

Mayor Donecker is among 11 North Carolina mayors selected to serve on the new North Carolina Mayors Association Board of Directors. The group is an affiliate organization of the North Carolina League of Municipalities formed specifically to provide a platform for all of the state's mayors to work together to address the major goals and challenges of cities and towns.

The board approved its bylaws this week and will begin meeting in coming weeks to organize around specific policy aims, as well as to share best practices that can improve residents' quality of life.

"The North Carolina Mayors Association will offer a tremendous opportunity for NC mayors to network and learn from each other. Good government happens when we all work together and mayors can be the influence to make that occur," said Wake Forest Mayor and board chair Vivian Jones. "I know Mayor Donecker will do a great job and will bring a unique perspective to our discussions based on his experiences in Reidsville."

Donecker was elected to his second stint as Reidsville Mayor in 2013 and had previously served as mayor from 1997-2005.

The North Carolina Mayors Association will hold its first official meeting on Sept. 20 in Greenville in conjunction with CityVision 2017, the N.C. League of Municipalities annual conference.

*About the League*

The North Carolina League of Municipalities is a membership association of 540 great hometowns – representing nearly every municipality in the state. The League advocates for its members, from the largest city to the smallest village, on the full range of legislative issues that affect municipalities.

For more than 100 years, the League has promoted – and continues to promote – good government by offering non-partisan advocacy, insurance and other services – as directed by its membership.

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