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MEDIA ADVISORY

Inaugural New Jersey Local Government Week April 7-13

Trenton, NJ (March 29, 2019) The New Jersey State League of Municipalities (NJLM) is kicking off the inaugural **New Jersey Local Government week** April 7-13, 2019. Municipalities all over the Garden State will engage citizens while celebrating the work of local government.

NJ Local Government Week is a time for municipalities to encourage civic education, community collaboration, volunteerism, and local pride. A growing number of cities, towns, townships, boroughs, and villages have passed resolutions and set plans to celebrate civic life with events ranging from municipal open houses to mock council meetings conducted by local students “stepping in” for local elected officials.

“Municipal governments were the first to establish planning and zoning codes in the U.S. They were the first to adopt fire safety and building standards. They pioneered in the area of public health. They were the first to develop public utilities and public transit. They were the first to regulate motorized traffic. They still lead in the realm of public safety. And whenever problems arise and concerns become clear, citizens are most likely to look to local officials for answers and solutions. In this spirit, we look forward to celebrating cooperation and ongoing community success with the creation of Local Government Week,” said NJLM President Mayor Colleen Y. Mahr of Fanwood.

“NJ Local Government Week promotes civic engagement and provides an opportunity to remind New Jersey’s citizens of the mission of municipal governments: to serve their communities. We support our membership and look forward to sharing their achievements and advocating for the betterment of all the 565 municipalities throughout New Jersey,” said NJLM Executive Director Michael J. Darcy, CAE.