



GOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING ASSOCIATION
OF NEW JERSEY

Proclamation

Honoring William G. Dressel, Jr. Executive Director to the New Jersey League of Municipalities

Whereas, For 41 years in New Jersey, Garden State municipal officials have been able to depend on the good advice and impassioned advocacy of New Jersey League of Municipalities' Executive Director Bill Dressel; *and*

Whereas, Dressel established a local government presence in the State House; *and*

Whereas, Generations of New Jersey legislators – literally, Fathers and their Sons and Fathers and their Daughters – have learned to rely on him not just for an accurate and articulate appraisal of the impact of state policy options on New Jersey municipalities and property taxpayers, but also for his impassioned advocacy; *and*

Whereas, generations of New Jersey local elected officials have relied on his service as their eyes, ears and voice in Trenton; *and*

Whereas, Always a happy municipal warrior, his joys have included annual budget battles for increased property tax relief funding, recurring skirmishes in defense of local liberties against preemption efforts, duels with public employee unions to protect local management prerogatives, and a never-ending campaign for property tax reform; *and*

Whereas, In the capacity of Executive Director to the League of Municipalities, he has led the League through several service expansions; *and*

Whereas, On September 27, 2008, he was presented with the Sarah P. Fiske Award by Preservation New Jersey; *and*

Whereas, in December 1999 Dressel received the John G. Stutz Award recognizing over 25 years of League service; *and*

Whereas, in November 2007 he received the Rutgers Award for public service to New Jersey for Excellence in promoting and supporting municipal government.

Now, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed *by the Board of Directors of the Governmental Purchasing Association of New Jersey that we hereby commend Bill Dressel for his dedication to municipalities and local officials throughout the State of New Jersey and wish him all the best in his much earned retirement.*

Presented this 7th day of May, 2015

*Governmental Purchasing Association of New Jersey
Board of Directors*

