



GOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING ASSOCIATION  
OF NEW JERSEY

# Proclamation

## Honoring the New Jersey League of Municipalities 100 Year Anniversary

**Whereas,** The groundwork for the League of Municipalities was laid at a meeting in Trenton in February, 1915. A bill was subsequently introduced and passed by the Legislature which "authorized municipalities in this State to join or to form and join an organization of municipalities for joint municipal action upon questions affecting the general welfare of such municipalities." The bill was signed into law that April as Chapter 163, Laws of 1915; *and*

**Whereas,** The League's original membership roster listed 51 municipalities and today the total stands at 565. Thirty five communities were represented at the first League Conference which convened in 1916, while currently some 20,000 people regularly attend the League Conference; *and*

**Whereas,** The first major piece of legislation aiding municipalities which emerged out of League influence was Chapter 152 of the Laws of 1917 -- the Home Rule Act. The Act granted municipalities broader powers than they had ever possessed to enact ordinances and regulations providing for the public welfare and order. The Act still stands as one of the three major sources of authorization for local autonomy in New Jersey; *and*

**Whereas,** Licensing and professionalization of many critical municipal position led in the early 2000's to an increased requirement for formal continuing education as part of professional certification. The League training program responded by tailoring special training that met the needs imposed on local officials; *and*

**Whereas,** The League issues a monthly magazine carrying news stories and articles on current governmental happenings in the State keeping local officials knowledgeable about their field; *and*

**Now, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed** *by the Board of Directors of the Governmental Purchasing Association of New Jersey that we hereby commend the League of Municipalities for its 100 years of commitment and dedication to municipalities and local officials throughout the State of New Jersey.*

Presented this 7th day of May, 2015

*Governmental Purchasing Association of New Jersey  
Board of Directors*

