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MEDIA ADVISORY

Mayor William J. Chegwidden Elected NJLM 2nd Vice President

Trenton, NJ – Mayor William J. Chegwidden of Wharton is the new 2nd Vice President of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities. Mayor Chegwidden, who previously served as the League's 3rd Vice President, was elected at the League of Municipalities' Annual Business Meeting in Atlantic City.

As 2nd Vice President of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, Mayor Chegwidden will help lead the Association of New Jersey's 565 municipal governments. He will represent the interests and needs of New Jersey's local elected officials to county, state, and federal governments.

As Mayor of Wharton since 2001, he has dealt with every aspect of Municipal government, including achieving debt freedom for the Borough of Wharton and successfully negotiating multiple shared service agreements. Prior to that, Mayor Chegwidden was a Councilman for the Borough from 1995 to 2000, during which time he was Council President in 1997 and 1998. He also served as a Morris County Freeholder from 2007 to 2013.

In his work with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, Mayor Chegwidden has participated as a seminar panelist and moderator as well as an author for *NJ Municipalities* magazine. He is also the 2019-2020 President of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors where he also sits on the Executive Committee and the Legislative Committee. He is also a member of the Morris County League of Municipalities, serving as President from 2008-2010.

A teacher at Morris Hills Regional District, Mayor Chegwidden teaches social studies, economics, and history while helping with extracurricular activities such as Junior Statesmen of America and coaching football, track, and wrestling. He earned an MA and BA from East Stroudsburg University in East Stroudsburg, PA, and an AA degree from the County College of Morris.

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