



Municipal Clerks' Association of Mercer County

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 and a bill was subsequently signed into law as Chapter 163, Laws of 1915 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; and

Whereas, the League's original membership roster listed 51 municipalities and today the total stands at 565; and

Whereas, 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, which 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 Resolved by the Mercer County Clerks' Association 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.

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