

## Office of the Mayor

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**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities (NJSLOM) will be celebrating its *100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary* with events planned throughout 2015 and;

**WHEREAS**, the groundwork for the organization of the NJSLOM was initiated by a bill that was introduced and passed by the Legislature in February, 1915 and;

**WHEREAS**, this bill "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**, fifty-one charter member municipalities adopted a League Constitution and elected Mayor Frederick W. Donnelly as the first president; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJSLOM's original membership roster listed fifty-one municipalities and that roster now includes all five hundred sixty-five municipalities in the State of New Jersey; and

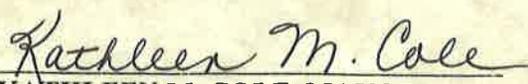
**WHEREAS**, the first major piece of legislation to aid the municipalities was the adoption of the *Home Rule Act* which granted municipalities additional powers to enact ordinances and regulations providing for the public welfare and order; and

**WHEREAS**, other committees such as the Advisory Committee, Legislative Committee, and several Conference Committees have been created over the years to assist in formulating League policy on general or special matters; and

**WHEREAS**, today the League is a powerful leader for municipal affairs in New Jersey and much credit for the NJSLOM's record of accomplishment can be captured by a quote stated at the first conference held in 1916 "*we have not only a League of Municipalities, but we have also a fraternity of the men and women in government brought together by municipal interest, a really true municipal brotherhood.*"

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATHLEEN M. COLE**, Mayor of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, do hereby proclaim and recognize the *100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary* of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities and congratulate them on all of their accomplishments.

In witness whereof, I have caused the seal  
Of the Borough of Pompton Lakes to be  
Affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015

  
**KATHLEEN M. COLE, MAYOR**  
**BOROUGH OF POMPTON LAKES**

