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North Bay Village Honored with 2015 Home Rule Hero Award

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The Florida League of Cities has recognized Mayor, Connie Leon-Kreps with a 2015 Home Rule Hero Award.

This prestigious award was presented to Mayor, Connie Leon-Kreps for her tireless efforts to advance the League's legislative agenda and help protect the home rule powers of Florida's cities during the 2015 legislative session. Home Rule Hero Award recipients are local government officials – both elected and nonelected – who consistently responded to the League's request to reach out to members of the legislature and help give a local perspective to an issue.

"Mayor, Connie Leon-Kreps embodies the definition of a Home Rule Hero. She is extremely dedicated and works hard for the citizens of North Bay Village," said Florida League of Cities Legislative Director Scott Dudley. "She brings that same level of commitment and energy to helping the Florida League of Cities lobbying team and is always ready and willing to contact legislators and help advocate in support of home rule. Mayor, Connie Leon-Kreps has and always will be a valuable asset to her city and the state of Florida."

Connie Leon-Kreps was born in Bogota, Colombia and grew up in Miami Beach, Florida. Ms. Leon-Kreps attended Miami Dade College and received her Associate of Arts degree. She later attended University of Miami where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

In 2011, Ms. Leon-Kreps was designated to represent North Bay Village as its mayor. As a resident of North Bay Village for 16 years, she has been active in the community serving as Commissioner from 2000-2002 and again in 2010 as vice mayor. She has also served on various advisory boards, including Planning & Zoning and Community Enhancement. Ms. Leon-Kreps is an active member and supporter of the Optimist Club and has volunteered for many worthy causes including Guardian Ad Litem.



Ms. Leon-Kreps has truly been instrumental in establishing and growing strong leadership within the Village. She believes strongly in common dialogue by promoting community participation and giving access to open government and transparency.

“Strong home rule powers ensure government stays close to the people it serves,” said Mayor, Connie Leon-Kreps. “That’s why I have been, and will continue to be, an advocate for the League – to help eliminate unfunded mandates and preemptions, and protect cities’ right to home rule powers.”

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Founded in 1922, the Florida League of Cities is the united voice for Florida’s municipal governments. Its goals are to promote local self-government and serve the needs of Florida’s cities. Florida’s cities are formed by their citizens and governed by their citizens. The League is founded on the belief that local self-government is the keystone of American democracy. For more information, visit www.floridaleagueofcities.com.