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Mayor Dwight Flygare named 2017 Outstanding City Elected Official

Mayor Dwight Flygare, Kenmare, was named 2017 Outstanding City Elected Official by the North Dakota League of Cities (NDLC) during the League's 2017 Annual Conference, Sept. 30, in Fargo.

Dwight Flygare was elected in June 2016 and being mayor is a point of honor for him. He encourages discussion of important issues during city council meetings by demonstrating appropriate restraint and firm leadership. He practices the concept of involvement that he preaches by looking for and finding citizens to fill vacancies on a local board and on City Council. When approached by a citizen about an issue or question he directs that person to the proper committee and then follows-up to make sure the issue was addressed or the question was answered.

He understands that his community is not only the city proper but the surrounding area and he works diligently to make his city a full-service community.

As Mayor he stays actively engaged in his community activities by promoting Mayor for a Day, Spring Clean-Up, National Police Week and National Emergency Medical Services Week. He is media savvy and makes sure the city's Facebook page promotes the city and events.

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Before becoming Mayor, he was on City Council where he chaired the Garbage, Landfill, Grounds and Cemetery committee and served on the Ways, Means, Finance, Audit and Personnel and Health and Beautification committees. One of his major accomplishments on City Council was improving the condition of the Kenmare Cemetery and Kenmare Landfill.

Flygare brings to the job an incredible sense of humor, uses that to engage others, and tries to inject a bit of fun into the process. He genuinely enjoys being around and engaging others. He listens sincerely to the citizens, responds in a positive manner, and encourages everyone to not only take pride in their city but to treat each other with respect. Accountability is a personal trait and he expects the same of city officials and employees.

After a 40 career, he retired from the plumbing and wholesale distribution business in 2013 and used that opportunity to begin the road to give back to his community. His motto and the words he lives by is “Always forward...always forward.”

The Outstanding City Elected Official award was established by the League to honor an individual's accomplishments and the quality of service as a city official.



Photo L to R: Chris West, NDLC Past President; Katie Andersen, NDLC President; Mayor Dwight Flygare; Blake Crosby, NDLC Executive Director

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