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# VML receives Centennial Federal Advocacy Award from the National League of Cities



Today, the Virginia Municipal League (VML) was honored to receive a National League of Cities' (NLC) Centennial Federal Advocacy Award. The 2024 NLC Centennial Federal Advocacy Award honors and recognizes the contributions of VML as one of the ten state municipal leagues that came together in 1924 in Lawrence, Kansas at the behest of John G. Stutz for the first meeting of the group initially called the Association of State Municipal Organizations, which became the American Municipal Association, and ultimately, the National League of Cities.

Along with all the founding state municipal leagues, VML continues to play a pivotal role in the success of NLC 100 years later.

VML Executive Director Michelle Gowdy accepted the award on behalf of the league during the opening general session of the Congressional City Conference in Washington, D.C.

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To mark its centennial milestone, the National League of Cities is hitting the road for the "NLC Centennial Roadshow: 100 Years, 100 Cities." During this journey, NLC aims to visit 100 cities, in-person and virtually, to spotlight the unique stories of municipalities and the invaluable relationships they've cultivated with NLC.

We anticipate the tour will be in Virginia April 18-19. VML will announce which Virginia cities will be visited shortly.

