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NEWS RELEASE

Gordonsville Mayor Robert Coiner elected VML president

VIRGINIA BEACH – Gordonsville Mayor Robert “Bob” Coiner was elected President of the Virginia Municipal League at the association’s annual conference, held in Virginia Beach, October 9-11. He succeeds Blacksburg Mayor Ron Rordam.

Coiner has served on the Gordonsville Town Council since 2000 and was elected Mayor in 2004. He has served on VML’s Executive Committee since 2009 when he was elected Chairman of the VML Town Section.

“I’m very appreciative of this honor,” Mayor Coiner commented, “and I’m very excited about our community health initiative we’re rolling out this year that I hope will positively impact the health of all Virginians.

In July, Coiner was also elected President of the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions. He is a former Chairman, and is the current Vice Chairman, of the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission.

He serves on the Finance, Administrative & Intergovernmental Relations Committee for the National League of Cities. Coiner is the Principal of Coiner & Associates, a public accounting firm.

Mayor Coiner will serve a one-year term as president of the Virginia Municipal League, and will chair VML’s 13-member Executive Committee. The committee sets policy for the statewide, nonprofit, nonpartisan association that was established in 1905 to improve and assist local governments through legislative advocacy, research, education and other services. VML’s membership includes all 38 cities in the state, 160 towns and eight counties.

In the 111-year history of the League, Mayor Coiner is the first Mayor of Gordonsville to serve as President of the League.

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Leesburg Town Council Member Katie Sheldon Hammler elected VML President-Elect

VIRGINIA BEACH –Leesburg Town Council Member Katie Sheldon Hammler was elected president-elect of the Virginia Municipal League at the association’s annual conference, held in Virginia Beach, October 9-11.

“I am sincerely humbled that I have been elected by VML’s town, city and county members to serve as president-elect,” Hammler commented. “I will energetically leverage my VML leadership role to create positive change for Leesburg, and for all municipalities in the Commonwealth, for one of the key things I’ve learned as a twelve-year incumbent is how significant the laws at the state level impact local taxpayers in the form of unfunded mandates, or decreasing funds of state-level responsibility. It is only by working collaboratively that we can achieve our collective goals. I am honored and excited for the important opportunity to be part of the leadership team that serves the most important level of government for Virginia’s citizens – the local non-partisan level.”

Council Member Hammler has served on the VML Executive Committee since 2011, first as town section chair, then as an at-large member and most recently as vice president. Prior to joining the executive committee, she chaired VML’s Community and Economic Development committee, and was a member of its Legislative Committee. She has been very active on many issues state-wide including transportation funding, economic development, such as the Maker Movement, and advancing healthy communities.

Council Member Hammler was first elected to the Leesburg Town Council in 2004 and is currently serving her third four-year term on Council. She served as vice mayor from 2008-2010. She is a certified Virginia Planning Commissioner. A former Captain in the U.S. Army Reserves, she has served as a high-tech marketing professional for over 25 years for firms such as Telos, VeriSign, and Alcatel Data Networks. She and her husband, Rich, also an Army Veteran, have two children and have lived in Leesburg for over 22 years.

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Newport News Councilwoman Pat Woodbury elected Vice President of League

VIRGINIA BEACH – Patricia Woodbury, City Councilwoman in Newport News, was elected Vice President of the Virginia Municipal League at the association’s annual conference, held in Virginia Beach, October 9-11.

Woodbury has served on the Newport News City Council since 2008. Before that, she served on the Newport News School Board from 2002-2008. She is a former professor of education at Hampton University and a school psychologist in Newport News and Hampton Public Schools.

Council Member Woodbury will serve as Vice President for the 13-member Executive Committee. The committee sets policy for the statewide, nonprofit, nonpartisan association that was established in 1905 to improve and assist local governments through legislative advocacy, research, education and other services. VML’s membership includes all 38 cities in the state, 160 towns and eight counties.

Other officers who were elected along with Woodbury at the annual conference include: Leesburg Town Council Member Katie Sheldon Hammler, who will serve as President-Elect; and, Gordonsville Mayor Bob Coiner, who will serve as President.

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Vienna Mayor Laurie DiRocco elected to League's Executive Committee

VIRGINIA BEACH – Vienna Mayor Laurie DiRocco was elected to the Executive Committee of the Virginia Municipal League at the association's annual conference held in Virginia Beach, October 9-11.

DiRocco has served as Mayor of Vienna since 2014. She was first elected to Town Council in 2009. DiRocco previously served as Chair of the Town of Vienna Planning Commission and Vice Chair of the Transportation Safety Commission. She currently is Chair of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission and is a member of Tysons Transportation Service District Advisory Board. She is a former adjunct professor at George Mason University's School of Management.

Mayor DiRocco will serve a two-year term as an at-large member of the Executive Committee. The committee sets policy for the statewide, nonprofit, nonpartisan association that was established in 1905 to improve and assist local governments through legislative advocacy, research, education and other services. VML's membership includes all 38 cities in the state, 160 towns and eight counties.

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Vice Mayor Chuckie Reid of Farmville elected to League's Executive Committee

VIRGINIA BEACH – A.D. “Chuckie” Reid, Vice Mayor of Farmville, was elected to the Executive Committee of the Virginia Municipal League at the association’s annual conference held in Virginia Beach, October 9-11.

Reid’s first term with Town Council began in 1986; he is currently serving his second term as Vice Mayor. He chairs the Personnel Committee and serves on the Infrastructure (water/sewer/roads) Committee and Special Project Committee. He is also a member of the Governor’s Local Government Transition Council.

Vice Mayor Reid has worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Farmville for 24 years. He attended Southside Virginia Community College and served four years in the United States Air Force.

Reid was elected to the role of Town Section Chair of the Executive Committee and will serve alongside the City Section and Urban Section Chairs. The Executive Committee sets policy for the statewide, nonprofit, nonpartisan association that was established in 1905 to improve and assist local governments through legislative advocacy, research, education and other services. VML’s membership includes all 38 cities in the state, 160 towns and eight counties.

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Council Member Jill Carson of Pennington Gap elected to League's Executive Committee

VIRGINIA BEACH – Jill Carson, Town Council Member in Pennington Gap, was elected to the Executive Committee of the Virginia Municipal League at the association's annual conference held in Virginia Beach, October 9-11.

Carson has served on Pennington Gap's Town Council since 2104. She also serves on the Pennington Gap Industrial Development Authority and the Lee County Hospital Advisory Committee. She and her husband Ron Carson are the founders of the Appalachian African American Cultural Center located in Pennington Gap. Carson is the Fiscal Officer for the Head Start Program in the Lee County School District.

Carson will serve a one-year term as an at-large member of the Executive Committee. The committee sets policy for the statewide, nonprofit, nonpartisan association that was established in 1905 to improve and assist local governments through legislative advocacy, research, education and other services. VML's membership includes all 38 cities in the state, 160 towns and eight counties.

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