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## PRESS RELEASE

**Linda Yates Receives Home Rule Hero Award From Florida League of Cities**  
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Vice Mayor Linda Yates has been honored for the third time, since 2014, by the Florida League of Cities ("FLC") to receive the League's *Home Rule Hero Award* for her tireless efforts to advance the League's legislative agenda and help protect the Home Rule powers of Florida's cities. "These dedicated municipal officials are some of the Florida League of Cities' biggest advocates for municipal issues," said Florida League of Cities President Gil Ziffer. "Their efforts during the 2018 legislative session were extraordinary. The League and its team are proud to recognize and thank them for their service."

Amber Hughes, Senior Legislative Advocate with the FLC, lauded Linda Yates, while presenting her with the Award: "She's always a constant; always very engaged and a very educated voice for not only North Port, but all the cities. This year was no exception." Speaking directly to Yates, Ms. Hughes said, "You always go above and beyond. You are always there to do whatever we ask. YOU ARE ONE OF THE MOST EDUCATED ELECTED OFFICIALS I'VE EVER ENCOUNTERED IN NEARLY 8 YEARS IN THIS JOB." (emphasis added)

Yates said, "It is an honor to receive this award." "One of the most precious rights of the people is their right to self-government and "*Home Rule*" is the protection of that right at the local level. Cities are publicly-created, local governments formed by their citizens, for their citizens. It is essential for citizens to have the ability, through their local elected officials, to define and address the needs and desires of their own community with minimal interference from the state. Over 1,000 bills were filed during the 2018 legislative session. I am very grateful for the resources provided by the FLC, which makes it possible for local elected officials to stay on top of issues and to accomplish effective advocacy on behalf of local citizens," Yates stated. The FLC is currently celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> year that Home Rule was passed by the voters into the State's constitution.

Vice Mayor Yates also received the prestigious Home Rule Hero award in 2017 and 2015.



*Amber Hughes with Linda Yates*

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