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LaGrange Mayor Inducted into Georgia Municipal Government Hall of Fame

LaGrange, Ga. June 29, 2022 – LaGrange Mayor Jim Thornton was inducted into the Georgia Municipal Government Hall of Fame Monday, June 27th at GMA’s annual convention in Savannah.



LaGrange Mayor Jim Thornton on Monday, June 28th

Mayor Thornton served as the GMA President for the 2021-2022 year. He served on the GMA Board of Directors and previously chaired the Legislative Policy Council, the Federal Policy Council, the Member Services Advisory Council, and the Municipal Government Policy Committee. Thornton was also appointed as a co-chair of the GMA Equity and Inclusion Commission.

“It has been a great honor and privilege to lead the municipal association and to serve Georgia’s cities,” said Mayor Thornton.

“Georgia is the greatest state in our nation in significant part due to the strength and vitality of its cities, including LaGrange, which continue to lead the state into a more prosperous future.”

Mayor Thornton was elected to the LaGrange City Council in 2009 and after serving one full term on the council was elected Mayor in 2013. Thornton remains active in his church at LaGrange First United Methodist Church and serves as Chancellor of the North Georgia Annual Conference making him the primary legal advisor to the United Methodist Bishop in Atlanta.

The GMA Municipal Government Hall of Fame recognizes municipal officials who have made extraordinary contributions to municipal government and been a strong supporter of GMA. Both elected and appointed city officials with at least fifteen years of municipal government service in Georgia are eligible.

The Georgia Municipal Association advocates on behalf of cities within the state and offers training and resources to city leaders.

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