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MAYOR OF BROKEN ARROW NAMED 2016 OKLAHOMA MAYOR OF THE YEAR FOR STATE’S LARGER COMMUNITIES

Oklahoma City (SEPTEMBER 15, 2016)– **Craig Thurmond, Mayor of Broken Arrow**, is the recipient of the 2016 Oklahoma Mayor of the Year Award representing communities with more than 5,000 in population. He was presented the award from the Mayors Council of Oklahoma (MCO) during the Oklahoma Municipal League (OML) Annual Conference awards banquet last night in Oklahoma City.

Mayor Thurmond is a Tulsa native who served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He moved to Broken Arrow in 1977. He owns and operates a small business, Thurmond Consulting, located in Broken Arrow. As Mayor of the City of Broken Arrow since 2012, he promotes quality of life, health and safety, and economic opportunity issues. He has supported the downtown Rose District, Chisholm Trail South Park and the Military History Museum. Other projects include the expansion of FlightSafety International, completing the strategic roadway along the Broken Arrow Expressway and the Stoney Creek Conference Center.

Thurmond was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Municipal League and was elected to serve on the National League of Cities Board of Directors. He has been named Builder of The Year and has been a member of the Oklahoma State Home Builders Association of Greater Tulsa since 1993.

The MCO award recognizes the dedication and commitment brought to the highest elected post in municipal government. Criteria for consideration requires nominees to be a MCO member and in elected municipal office at the time of the presentation. Additionally, nominees must complete a minimum of three years of service in an elected municipal office and their municipality must be an OML member.

About Oklahoma Municipal League

The mission of the OML is to provide services and programs required by municipal officials to assist them in better serving their citizens, and to act as the representative of Oklahoma municipalities in interactions requiring a united voice. Since 1913, the League has served as the individual and collective voice of local officials on the state and national level.

