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Oklahoma Officials Gathered at the State Capitol to Celebrate Municipal Government Week

(March 8, 2016) Oklahoma City – Officials from across the state met at the state Capitol on March 8th to kick off Municipal Government Week. Over 60 city officials had the opportunity to speak with legislators regarding the pressing issues that cities and towns are facing and the legislative priorities that will possibly affect Oklahoma municipalities this session.

They joined the Oklahoma Municipal League (OML) and the Mayors Council of Oklahoma (MCO) who hosted the event, in honoring the "If I were Mayor..." 8th grade essay contest winners. This year's first place winner was Dakota Dillard, Calera Public Schools, second place went to Madelin Smith, Lindsay Middle School, and the third place winner was Selina Martin, Granite Public Schools. This year we were excited to receive almost 700 essays from 26 different schools. This is a great experience for the students to learn the important role mayors play in their communities.

Municipal government is the government closest to the people. Whether it's street maintenance, water service, or fire and police protection, city and town residents count on municipal government to provide those services on a daily basis. Municipal Government Week provides an opportunity for the state's cities and towns to celebrate those many services and to move municipal government still closer to the very citizens its represents.

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#### **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.