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MMUA establishes Roger Warehime Leadership Award

ST. LOUIS PARK, MINNESOTA— September 18, 2026. The Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association has established the Roger Warehime Leadership Award to honor the life and legacy of the late Roger Warehime, longtime utility leader and MMUA Board officer. The inaugural award was presented posthumously and accepted by Warehime's family during the 2026 MMUA Summer Conference.

Warehime spent 22 years at Owatonna Public Utilities, eventually serving as general manager. At the time of his death in April 2026, he was serving as secretary/treasurer of the MMUA Board of Directors.

The award was created to recognize leaders who demonstrate the same qualities for which Warehime was known: mentorship, collaboration, integrity, accountability, and commitment to community service.

"Our award recipients embody the very best of public service. Their contributions strengthen community-owned utilities and enrich the communities they serve," said MMUA CEO Karleen Kos.

About MMUA: The Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA) was established in 1931 to unify, support, and serve as a common voice for municipal utilities. The organization represents community-owned hometown utilities in 186 cities around Minnesota that serve a median 1,275 customers. MMUA also provides safety, training, compliance, strategic planning, and government relations services on-site in locations throughout the Midwest. MMUA is headquartered in St. Louis Park, Minnesota and operates a hands-on training center in Marshall, Minnesota.

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