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Long-time MMUA staff member receives President's Award

ST. LOUIS PARK, MINNESOTA— September 18, 2026. Rita Kelly, MMUA's Director of Administration, has been named the recipient of MMUA's 2026 President's Award. The award was presented during the Association's Summer Conference in St. Cloud.

The President's Award recognizes exemplary contributions to MMUA and the municipal utility industry. Kelly has served MMUA for more than 40 years and has become one of the Association's most recognized and respected leaders.

Throughout her career, Kelly has supported generations of utility leaders, commissioners, and employees while helping shape many of the programs and services MMUA provides today.

"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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