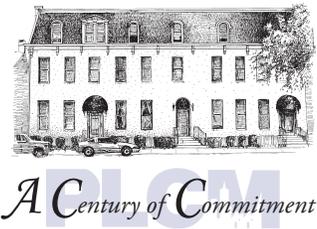




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PENNSYLVANIA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO AWARD SCRANTON MAYOR CHRISTOPHER DOHERTY FOR DISTINGUISHED COMMUNITY SERVICE

HARRISBURG, PA – The Pennsylvania League of Cities and Municipalities (PLCM) is pleased to have the opportunity to present an award for distinguished community service to Scranton Mayor Christopher Doherty. The presentation will take place during the organization’s 109th Annual Convention in Gettysburg, at an awards ceremony held in conjunction with the General Session Luncheon on Thursday, June 26, at 11:30 a.m., in Salons C & D of the Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel in Gettysburg.

The League board of directors presents the Distinguished Service Award annually to an outstanding and devoted individual. This year, the PLCM board officers and members are recognizing PLCM Past President, Mayor Chris Doherty, for his exemplary community service. Mayor Doherty has presided over the most dramatic transformation in Scranton’s history. Elected in 2001, after 4 years on City Council, and chairing its Finance Committee, Chris has actively demonstrated his commitment to the betterment of his community and to local government in Pennsylvania. A native of Scranton, he is a partner in a company founded by his father, who was a four-term member of City Council. As the father of six children, he has long been active in Scranton’s community programs, whether on Boards or as a coach. Mayor Doherty was honored to be recognized by the Governor this year, when he received this year’s Local Government Award for Excellence in Leadership. The Governor’s Conference on Tourism also inducted Mayor Doherty into its Keystone Society for Tourism this year.

"Mayor Chris Doherty is truly deserving of this prestigious award which recognizes his dedication to the principles of good government embodied by the League," said PLCM Executive Director John A. Garner, Jr. "As the mayor of Scranton, a PLCM board member, and League president in 2006-2007, who has been highly involved in all aspects of League initiatives across the state, at the Capitol, and in Washington, Chris has actively demonstrated his commitment to the betterment of his community and to local government in Pennsylvania. It is an honor to recognize Mayor Chris Doherty with the League’s Distinguished Service Award.

The three-day PLCM convention – being held at the Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel in Gettysburg – will host elected and appointed municipal officials from across the Commonwealth. The convention agenda offers a variety of accredited sessions under PLCM’s Elected Officials Leadership Training Program, the Association for Pennsylvania Municipal Management’s Professional Development Program, and the Risk Management Certificate Program, which will focus on this year’s convention theme. In addition to being the leading advocate for Pennsylvania’s urban areas, the League is a State Certified Municipal Training Organization dedicated to providing the ongoing educational needs of elected and appointed local government officials in Pennsylvania.

The Pennsylvania League of Cities and Municipalities is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization established in 1900 as an advocate for Pennsylvania’s 3rd class cities. Today, PLCM represents Pennsylvania’s cities, townships, towns, boroughs, and home rule communities that all share the League’s municipal policy interests. The Board of Directors oversees the administration of a wide array of municipal services including legislative advocacy (on both the state and federal levels), publications designed to educate and inform, inquiry and research, education and training certification programs, consulting-based programs, and group insurance trusts.

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Editor’s Note: *The media is welcome to all sessions. All sessions/workshops will be held at the Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel. Press kits, which include a program book with a complete agenda and a press badge, will be available. For an advance copy of our convention agenda, please visit our Web site at www.plcm.org. The Lincoln Room in the Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel will be the designated press room during the convention. Hours available will be: 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25; 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 26; and 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon on Friday, June 27.*

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