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City of Neptune Beach Honored with 2022 Home Rule Hero Award

City Manager Stefen Wynn has been recognized for advocacy efforts during the 2022 Legislative Session

Neptune Beach, FL – The **Florida League of Cities (FLC)**, celebrating its 100th anniversary as the united voice for Florida’s municipal governments, recently recognized the City of Neptune Beach’s City Manager, Stefen Wynn, with a 2022 Home Rule Hero Award for his hard work and advocacy efforts during the 2022 Legislative Session. Mr. Wynn worked tirelessly throughout session to promote local voices making local choices, protect the Home Rule powers of Florida’s municipalities and advance the League’s legislative agenda.

Mr. Wynn has volunteered on the FLC’s Administrative Policy Legislative Action Committee and helped to shape the legislative action items with the rest of the team. He spent time in Tallahassee advocating for Home Rule and the City that he serves. Mr. Wynn is the second Home Rule Hero in Neptune Beach and joins the Neptune Beach City Attorney, Zach Roth with the distinction.

“On behalf of the League and its legislative team, we’re very proud to present this year’s Home Rule Hero Awards to a deserving group of municipal leaders,” said **FLC Director of Legislative Affairs Casey Cook**. “We had a record number of Home Rule Heroes this year, which shows the dedication and impact of local officials on behalf of their residents and businesses in protecting local decision-making. These local officials were constantly engaged and actively advocating for their communities throughout the 2022 Legislative Session. They’re heroes for Home Rule and we thank them for their efforts.”

Home Rule is the ability for a city to address local problems with local solutions with minimal state interference. Home Rule Hero Award recipients are local government officials, both elected and nonelected, who consistently responded to the League’s request to reach out to members of the legislature and help give a local perspective on an issue.

Upon receiving the distinction, Mr. Wynn said, “I’m glad to continue advocating for home rule so that Neptune Beach and other Florida municipalities maintain their right to govern locally. I’m proud to serve with a dedicated Duval County Beach’s leadership team that tirelessly advocates for home rule.” Elected and appointed officials in Jacksonville Beach, and Atlantic Beach were previously recognized for their efforts in promoting local voices making local choices.

Stefen Wynn has been the City Manager of Neptune Beach for the past two years. Previously he served in Albion, Indiana as the Town Manager and on the Noble County, Indiana Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Wynn is a graduate of Indiana University with an M.P.A., and Florida Gulf Coast University where he was named a “Soaring Eagle” in 2018, and currently serves on the FGCU Alumni Board of Directors.

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