

**"E. HARRIS DREW" MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

This Annual Award is named the "E. Harris Drew Award" in memory of Florida Supreme Court Justice E. Harris Drew who authored the League's motto, shown below, when he was active in the Florida League of Municipalities in the 1940s and early 1950s. When he was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1952, he was serving as the first vice president of the League. In 1923, soon after he was admitted to the Florida Bar, he was named Town Attorney for the Town of Palm Beach and quickly became active in the affairs of the League. He expressed a continuing interest in local government throughout his career, which was highlighted by his service as Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court. Justice Drew died in 1975 of complications resulting from accidental injuries received while assisting a stranded motorist.

This prestigious award was established by official action of the Board of Directors of the Florida League of Cities in 1978 and has been awarded annually to the outstanding city official who has been selected as the "Municipal Official of the Year."

In 2003, the E. Harris Drew Award has been changed, by official action of the Board of Directors, to recognize a municipal official annually for "lifetime achievement."

"LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT KEYSTONE OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY"

FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES'
"E. HARRIS DREW"
MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- 1) **PURPOSE:** This award, sponsored by the Florida League of Cities, will recognize and honor a local elected official who has made a lasting and worthwhile contribution to the citizens of Florida through their efforts and dedication in the performance of their duties on the local level, thus fulfilling the League's motto, "Local Self-Government – Keystone of American Democracy."

- 2) **METHOD OF SELECTION:** Each year an honoree will be chosen from the nominations received by a selection committee of three appointed by the President of the League. The selection will then be announced at the Annual Conference and appropriate honors will be bestowed. The process will then be repeated each succeeding year. A permanent plaque will be placed in the League office and the name of each year's recipient of the E. Harris Drew Award will be added. The plaque will have space for twenty names.

- 3) **NOMINATION PROCEDURE:** Nominations may be made by any member city and must be submitted by **July 14, 2017**. Each nomination must be made on the approved form and must be signed by two elected officials from that city.

- 4) **CRITERIA:** The Board of Directors has approved recommended criteria to be used as a guide for evaluating the nominees:
 - a) 60% - service to their city
20% - service to their regional local league
20% - service to the Florida League of Cities

 - b) Contributions to service shall be defined as:
 - 1) total years of elected service
 - 2) offices held
 - 3) programs initiated
 - 4) accomplishments

 - c) Municipal resolutions or personal letters of support will not be included in the evaluations.

- 5) **WINNERS WILL RECEIVE:**
 - 1) A 1 oz. American Eagle Gold Coin
 - 2) A wall plaque suitably inscribed
 - 3) A neck ribbon/medallion, which may be worn at all gatherings of municipal officials
 - 4) Suitably inscribed plate on permanent plaque located in the League headquarters office
 - 5) Full page announcement in QUALITY CITIES magazine.

- 6) **NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO:**

Selection Committee
"E. Harris Drew Award"
Florida League of Cities, Inc.
Post Office Box 1757
Tallahassee, Florida 32302-1757

OFFICIAL NOMINATION FOR "E. HARRIS DREW" MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL
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THE UNDERSIGNED ARE PLEASE TO NOMINATE:

NAME _____
(must be an elected official)
TITLE _____
CITY _____
ADDRESS _____

For Florida's Municipal Official Lifetime Achievement Award

NUMBER OF YEARS OF SERVICE _____

SUPPORTING STATEMENT (Should include the nominee's outstanding qualities in performing the duties of his/her position(s) with your city. It should also include other significant offices, honors, and awards he/she has received in connection with his/her service to the citizens of Florida. Please use second sheet if needed.)

SUBMITTED BY THE CITY OF _____

NOMINATIONS MUST BE SIGNED BY TWO ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY:

Signature

Print Name

Title

Signature

Print Name

Title