

Proclamation

56th ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK

May 4 - 10, 2025

Whereas, The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world, and

Whereas, The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants, and

Whereas, The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels, and

Whereas, Professional Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all.

Whereas, The Professional Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community.

Whereas, Professional Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, provincial, county and international professional organizations.

Whereas, It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk.

Now, Therefore, I, Michael Ray, Mayor of the City of Lefors, do recognize the week of May 4 through 10, 2025, as Professional Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to our Professional Municipal Clerk, Lindy Forsyth and to all Professional Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

Dated this 15th day of April, 2025

Mayor Michael Ray

Attest: Lindy Forsyth



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FACT SHEET

Sponsored by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks

Professionalism In Local Government Through Education

PURPOSE

To recognize the vital and appreciated services performed by Municipal and Deputy Clerks in serving the changing needs of their communities.

HISTORY

The annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week was initiated in 1969 by IIMC and is endorsed by all of its members throughout the United States, Australia, Belgium, Bermuda, Bulgaria, Canada, England, Italy, the Netherlands, New Zealand, South Africa, and Wales. In 1984 and in 1994, Presidents Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton, respectively, signed a Proclamation officially declaring Professional Municipal Clerks Week the first full week of May and recognizing the essential role Municipal Clerks play in local government.

TYPICAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MUNICIPAL AND DEPUTY CLERK:

- Maintains the official council minutes, ordinance books and all records and documents.
- Indexes all official actions of council.
- Issues licenses and permits.
- Processes contracts and agreements.
- Keepers of community history and vital records.
- Receives, distributes and files correspondence from citizens and other governmental agencies.
- Administers elections, registration and voting.
- Acts as a key liaison between local government and its citizens.
- Handles significant financial responsibilities including preparation of tax rolls, special assessments and budgets.
- Provides central services such as personnel, purchasing, etc.

IIMC is a professional association of City, Village, Town, Township, Borough and County Clerks, Secretaries and Recorders. IIMC prepares its members to meet the challenges of the diverse role of the Municipal and Deputy Clerk by providing services and continuing professional development opportunities to benefit members and the government entities they serve.