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Kent County Administrator voted to Leadership Position in International Professional Association

GRAND RAPIDS –Kent County Administrator/Controller Daryl Delabbio has been elected as a Regional Vice President of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). The organization boasts over 9,000 members worldwide. Mr. Delabbio will serve alongside 20 other members of the ICMA Executive Board; his term runs for three years, and begins in October 2014. Delabbio has been in local government for 37 years, and has held the Administrator/Controller role since 1998, after three years as Assistant County Administrator. Prior to working at Kent County he was City Manager in Rockford for 11 years and served in two other Michigan cities.

"Daryl is dedicated to doing what is best for Kent County residents and businesses," said County Board of Commissioners Chair Dan Koorndyk. "His ability to work in an inclusive, professional manner has helped Kent County stay on course. He truly has a 'servant's heart' and his leadership is admired by many."

Board Vice-Chair Jim Saalfeld indicated that "this is quite an honor for Daryl and a tribute to his leadership among his peers. But it is also an honor for Kent County as an organization as it demonstrates something we already knew - that the County is in good hands and well managed."

"Daryl has an amazingly effective leadership style that is all his own. He is genuine, empathetic, humble and extremely skilled," added Steve Heacock, former Kent County Commissioner and former Board Chair. "It is remarkable that he and his staff accomplish so much with so little drama."

"It's quite a distinction for Daryl to be selected to this role," says Kent County Commissioner Roger Morgan, who previously served as Board Chair. "Kent County is fortunate to have such great leadership for the past two decades."

"Serving as one of 21 members of the ICMA Executive Board is one of the highest honors that a member of the local government management profession can receive," noted ICMA Executive Director Bob O'Neill. "It is a significant career achievement and a tremendous expression of confidence in Daryl by his peers."

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Founded in 1914, ICMA is the premier local government leadership and management organization. Its mission is to create excellence in local governance by advocating and developing the professional management of local government worldwide. In addition to supporting its 9,000 members, ICMA provides publications, data, information, technical assistance, and training and professional development to thousands of city, town, and county experts and other individuals throughout the world.

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