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### **Mayor Kuntz Honored for Rural Leadership**

OWATONNA, Minn., July 26, 2024 – Owatonna’s Mayor Thomas A. Kuntz was recognized July 25 with the Jack Murray Award for Distinguished Rural Leadership. Kuntz received the award at the annual Legislative Awards Dinner hosted by the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC).

“I’m very honored to receive this award,” said Kuntz. “The Coalition is an excellent organization to work with and does a fantastic job for our community.”

The award recognizes retiring CGMC elected officials who have made special contributions to the CGMC over a multi-year period. Kuntz has served as Owatonna’s mayor since 2004 and has been involved with the CGMC throughout his terms served.

Several Owatonna city officials and family members of Kuntz attended the event where he received this recognition. This event, part of the CGMC’s annual 2024 Summer Conference for outstate Minnesota city officials, was held in Waite Park. For additional information about the CGMC, visit [greatermncities.org](http://greatermncities.org).

The City of Owatonna is committed to providing a community where residents and businesses can thrive. Known for its strong community, education and business culture, Owatonna provides a high quality of life for its residents. Located in southeastern Minnesota, Owatonna is the county seat for Steele County and is home to several major employers. For additional information about the City of Owatonna, please visit [owatonna.gov](http://owatonna.gov) or follow the City of Owatonna on Facebook.

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