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## **New Smyrna Beach Commissioner Reiker honored with 2018 Home Rule Hero Award**

*Florida League of Cities Recognized City of New Smyrna Beach Official for Outstanding Advocacy Efforts during the 2018 Legislative Session*

**City of New Smyrna Beach, FL (May 4, 2018)** – City of New Smyrna Beach Commissioner Judy Reiker was recognized by the Florida League of Cities with a 2018 Home Rule Hero Award. Commissioner Reiker earned this prestigious award for her tireless efforts to advance the League’s legislative agenda and help protect the Home Rule powers of Florida’s cities during the 2018 legislative session.

Commissioner Reiker’s efforts, including two trips to Tallahassee on behalf of the citizens of New Smyrna Beach to meet face-to-face with state representatives, were part of a larger effort for cities to maintain local control, otherwise known as home rule.

“We are all grateful for Judy’s efforts at the legislature and with the Florida League of Cities. She is always advocating for New Smyrna Beach priorities and this designation is well deserved,” stated mayor Jim Hathaway.

Home Rule is the ability for a city to address local problems through and by local decision makers with minimal state interference. The 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 to an issue.

“These dedicated municipal officials are some of the Florida League of Cities’ biggest advocates for municipal issues,” said Florida League of Cities President Gil Ziffer. “Their efforts during the 2018 legislative session were extraordinary. The League and its legislative team are proud to recognize and thank them for their service.”

**The City of New Smyrna Beach**, often referred to as “Florida’s Best Beach” is a community of more than miles of surf-lined beaches. With four commercial districts encompassing the Intracoastal Waterway, visitors conveniently can move from the sand to the street, and everyone in the party is sure to find what they’re looking for. The city operates under a commission-manager form of government. The legislative branch is composed of a five-member city commission consisting of a mayor and four commissioners. New Smyrna Beach is on the east coast of Volusia County, FL. The city is 56 miles northeast of Orlando and 20 miles south of Daytona Beach. It also is less than one hour north of Kennedy Space Center near Titusville. For information on the City of New Smyrna Beach and the services it provides to its residents, please log on to [www.cityofnsb.com](http://www.cityofnsb.com) or call City Hall (386) 410-2600.

