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## Swift County Commissioner Gary Hendrickx Elected President of the Association of Minnesota Counties

(St. Paul, MN)— The Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) is pleased to announce the election of Swift County Commissioner Gary Hendrickx to serve as 2017 AMC President.

As president of AMC, Hendrickx will preside over board meetings, be the primary spokesperson for the association and represent AMC at both state and nationwide meetings. Hendrickx will work with the AMC Board of Directors, which includes county commissioners from all corners of the state.

Commissioner Gary Hendrickx has served Swift County since being elected in 1996 and has served on many committees during that time, including: Southern Prairie Community Care, Woodland Center Mental Health, Regional 6W Corrections, 6W Regional Development Commission, Prairie 5 Community Action Council, Southwest Private Industry Council, and Prairie Waters Tourism. He has served on the AMC Board of Directors as AMC District 6 Director and Environment & Natural Resources Policy Committee chair, as well as serving on the FUTURES Task Force and the Annual Conference Planning Committee.

Hendrickx grew up on a dairy farm in Otter Tail County, the eighth child in a family of 10. He graduated from New York Mills high school and attended the University of Minnesota Moorhead, where he obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Social Studies. Hendrickx and his wife, Cindy, have lived in Appleton for the past 20 years and have one son who is currently attending the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. Hendrickx owns three Subway franchises, the Prairie Waters Inn, and two commercial office buildings.

**Other 2017 AMC Officers elected this week include:**

**Susan Morris, Isanti County Commissioner**

***AMC First Vice President***

**Scott Schulte, Anoka County Commissioner**

***AMC Second Vice President***

**Jack Swanson, Roseau County Commissioner**

***AMC Past President***

**Mary Jo McGuire, Ramsey County Commissioner**

***AMC Secretary Treasurer***

AMC has been serving Minnesota's 87 counties since 1909. AMC is a voluntary statewide organization that assists the state's 87 counties in providing effective county governance to the people of Minnesota. The association works closely with the legislative and administrative branches of government in seeing that legislation and policies favorable to counties are enacted. In addition, the association provides educational programs, training, research and communications for county officials.

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**Editors: Photo available upon request.**

**CAPTION: (From left to right) AMC Executive Committee Members:** Past President Jack Swanson (Roseau), First Vice President Susan Morris (Isanti), President Gary Hendrickx (Swift), Second Vice President Scott Schulte (Anoka), and Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo McGuire (Ramsey).