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Winona County Commissioner Marcia Ward Receives Association of Minnesota Counties' President's Award

(St. Paul, MN)— **Winona County Commissioner Marcia Ward** received an Association of Minnesota Counties' (AMC) President's Award for years of dedicated service and exemplary leadership in county government. 2018 AMC President Susan Morris (Isanti County) selected Ward to receive this honor.

The prestigious President's Award is presented to an individual who has a deep history of public service to their community and to their county.

Commissioner Ward has served the rural southern portion of Winona County since 2001. She grew up in the rolling hills of southeastern Minnesota helping on the family farm milking Holsteins. She was a 4-H member growing up and that was a main issue that brought her into county government. She currently serves as the Winona County Board Chair, AMC District 9 Director, in addition to serving on the Emergency Management Services Joint Powers Board, Root River One Watershed One Plan Committee, Regional Emergency Communication Committee, Winona County's Road and Bridge Committee, and Southeastern Minnesota Multi-Housing and Redevelopment Authority's Board.

"Commissioner Ward has worked to streamline and right-size county government, using ideas and models adapted from the private sector," said Morris. "County residents now have a better understanding of county finances thanks to this commissioner's efforts to make budget processes and procedures more transparent."

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: Photos attached.