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## **MAYOR JOHN ENGEN JOINS BOARD OF MONTANA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS**

Missoula Mayor John Engen has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Montana League of Cities and Towns. Mayor Engen will be the board representative for Missoula and other cities and towns in the West-Central region of the state. Mayor Jerry Jimison of Glendive, the president of the municipal association, appointed him.

The board of directors sets the policies and overall direction of the League of Cities, which represents all of the 129 municipal governments in Montana in legislative and state and federal agency proceedings. The League, organized under a constitution adopted in 1931, has as its sole purpose the cooperative improvement of municipal government in Montana.

The list of Missoula city leaders who have served as officers or directors of the League over the last 30 years includes Mayors Dan Kemmis, Mike Kadas and Bill Cregg, Council Members Al Sampson and Ed Childers and City Attorney Jim Nugent.

Leadership of League board members will be of key importance in the challenging session of the 2011 Montana Legislature.

“The Montana League of Cities and Towns is respected in Helena because of its membership and its leadership, including our executive director Alec Hansen,” said Engen. “I’m grateful for the chance to work even more closely with other cities and towns, and Alec, to ensure that municipal interests have a strong voice in Montana.”

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