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Councilmember Natalyn Bates-Morris Receives the Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute's Certificate of Dedication at Georgia Municipal Association's Annual Training in Savannah

SAVANNAH, Ga., -- Councilmember Natalyn Bates-Morris received the Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute's Certificate of Dedication during the Georgia Municipal Association's (GMA) Annual Convention in Savannah on June 28.

The Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute, a cooperative effort of GMA and the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government, provides a nationally recognized series of training opportunities for city officials.

"This accomplishment reflects a strong commitment to excellence in public service," said GMA CEO and Executive Director Larry Hanson. "Through continued investment in professional development, Natalyn demonstrates leadership that benefits not only the residents of Garden City, but also advances the strength and effectiveness of local governments throughout Georgia. This achievement sets a meaningful example for city officials across our state."

The Certificate of Dedication requires 276 hours of training, including at least 108 hours from the required list, 18 hours of which must be from Advanced Leadership track, the Newly Elected Officials Institute, and the Robert E. Knox, Jr. Municipal Leadership Institute. After obtaining the Certificate of Dedication, officials are encouraged to complete nine hours of continuing education each year to maintain the certificate.

"We are proud of our partnership with GMA to provide exceptional, practical and relevant instruction to Georgia's more than 3,500 municipal officials," said UGA's Carl Vinson Institute of Government Director Rob Gordon. "The institute remains committed to being the trusted resource that city officials across Georgia turn to for the highest quality leadership and professional development training that makes a difference in the lives of the people they represent."

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About the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA): Based in Atlanta, GMA is a voluntary non-profit organization that provides legislative advocacy, educational, employee benefit and consulting services to all of Georgia's 536 cities. GMA anticipates and influences the forces shaping Georgia's cities and to provide leadership, tools and services that assist municipal governments in becoming more innovative, effective and responsive. Created in 1933, the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) is the only state organization that represents municipal governments in Georgia.