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### Colorado Municipal League celebrates 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Breckenridge

**June 21, 2022, Denver, CO** – The Colorado Municipal League’s (CML) 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference will be held in Breckenridge beginning June 21 through 24.

CML was established in April 1923, when 35 delegates from 15 Colorado municipalities gathered on the campus of the University of Colorado (CU) at Mackey Auditorium, which had only recently been completed and opened. They held a three-day conference to discuss municipal best practices and to form a permanent municipal organization, governed by its members, for the benefit of all municipal officials and to support municipal interests. Thus, the first annual conference gave rise to CML, and CU remained its home for several years.

CML Executive Board President Bob Widner, Centennial city attorney, reflected on CU President George Norlin’s opening remarks. “Norlin talked about the formation of the organization to benefit municipal officials and their constituents. He eloquently stated that ‘the prosperity of our own city largely depends on the prosperity of every other city’ and that establishing CML would lead to stronger, professionally run municipal governments.”

“35 leaders at that first conference established the foundation for CML that has grown to 270 cities and towns today,” said Kevin Bommer, CML executive director. “CML’s vision was as true then as it is now: Empowered cities and towns, united for a strong Colorado.”

The historic gathering will feature over 40 sessions with two keynote speakers, as well as a 100<sup>th</sup> conference celebration featuring a performance by Hazel Miller. The conference will draw over 1,200 municipal elected officials, staff, and municipal service providers. For more information about the conference, visit <https://www.cml.org/conference>.

*CML is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization established in 1923 and represents the interests of 270 cities and towns. For more information on the Colorado Municipal League, please visit [www.cml.org](http://www.cml.org) or call 303-831-6411.*

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