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Village Coouncil Member Patty Waller Honored with 2021 Home Rule Hero Award



sion to promote local voices making local choices, protect the Home Rule powers of Florida's municipalities and advance the League's legislative agenda.

"These local officials went above and beyond during the 2021 Legislative Session," said FLC Director of Legislative Affairs Casey Cook. "They made an extraordinary effort, were actively engaged and highly effective in their advocacy efforts. Even with all the various challenges present this year due to the pandemic, they stepped up. They engaged with legislators, shared their stories and made their voices heard, and it made a difference. On behalf of the League and its legislative team, it's my sincere honor to recognize this year's award recipients and thank them for their service."

Home Rule is the ability for a city to address local problems with local solutions with minimal state interference. Home Rule Hero Award recipients are local government officials, both elected and nonelected, who consistently responded to the League's request to reach out to members of the legislature and help give a local perspective on an issue.

Council Member Waller has served on the Palm Springs Village Council for 22 years, first being elected in 1999.

PALM SPRINGS – The Florida League of Cities, the united voice for Florida's municipal governments, recently recognized Palm Springs Council Member Patti Waller with a 2021 Home Rule Hero Award for their hard work and advocacy efforts during the 2021 Legislative Session. Ms. Waller worked tirelessly throughout ses-

Not to Be Silenced



Denied a proclamation by the City of Greenacres on a 3-2 vote, Moms Demand Action of Palm Beach County appeared before the City Council to read a proclamation into the record during the public participation segment of the council meeting. The group read the national proclamation for Gun Violence Awareness Month so it would appear in the record of the City Council. The council has been struggling with a decision on how to handle proclamations, and at a previous meeting, councilmembers Peter Nobel, Jonathan Pearce and Judith Dugo had voted against the proclamation.

Legislative Updates



State Representatives Mat Willhite (l) and David Silvers presented updates on the recent legislative sessions in Tallahassee to the City Council of Greenacres.

Pride Market Packs the Park



A massive crowd gathered in Bryant Park to celebrate Pride Market. This was the largest gathering in the Park since the beginning of the pandemic. Masks were scarce and social distancing was nonexistent while the crowd enjoyed a beautiful day of Celebration as part of Pride Month in Lake Worth Beach.

