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April 1st, 2026

NCLM Nominating Committee  
434 Fayetteville Street, Suite 1900  
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Esteemed Committee,

I am excited to strongly re-nominate Councilwoman Mary Jo Adams for NCLM's District 7 position.

As a state legislator for Laurinburg since 2005, it has been my pleasure to observe Councilwoman Adams's public service career since her election to that city's council over 14 years ago. Since that time, Ms. Adams has shown a level of dedication and work ethic that is uncommon, and I know that her colleagues in local government and beyond would agree wholeheartedly. It is not difficult to see why she was re-elected in November 2023 to her 4th term; it is common knowledge by now that Ms. Adams displays a level of professionalism and constituent service that far exceeds what is required of her.

In addition to constituent service, Ms. Adams has contributed great value to several boards and initiatives concerned with improving life in the district, including but not limited to Lumber River Council of Governments, Lumber River Housing Corporation, Southeastern Regional Airport Authority, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, Silent Samaritan Society (Scotland Family Counseling Center), Laurinburg Rotary Club, and the local Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee. Her work also includes robust volunteerism, including with local hospices and countless other organizations. Beyond her considerable record and accomplishments, I can attest personally that Ms. Adams possesses perhaps the most important quality in our work, and that is genuine care. Her love of community is the engine of her service, and I am confident she will continue to bring that same spirit with her to the League of Municipalities.

For these reasons, I submit my strong recommendation, and I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Garland E. Pierce".

Representative Garland E. Pierce  
Scotland and Hoke Counties  
North Carolina State House – District 48