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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Colorado Municipal League Celebrates Century of Service in 2023

**January 17, Denver, CO** – Throughout 2023, the Colorado Municipal League (CML) is celebrating 100 years of service to Colorado cities and towns.

Representatives from 15 Colorado municipalities gathered at the University of Colorado in Boulder in April 1923 to hold a three-day conference to discuss municipal best practices and on adjournment, 11 stayed to establish what is now known as the Colorado Municipal League (CML)

The 11 founding municipalities included: Arvada, Boulder, Brush!, Cañon City, Fort Morgan, Grand Junction, Haxtun, Loveland, Pueblo Trinidad and Windsor. When creating the league, delegates charged it with benefiting municipal governments across the state by serving as an agency for cooperation, and advocating on behalf of or opposing legislation, as well as holding an annual conference to encourage cooperation and education.

The League has grown from 11 founding cities and towns to 270 current member municipalities, which makes up 99.9% of the municipal population of the state. Nearly 75% of Coloradoans live in a CML-member municipality.

CML Executive Director Kevin Bommer, reflected on comments from, George Norlin, University of Colorado president in 1923. “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. This vision continues today – empowered cities and towns, united for a strong Colorado.”

CML is celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> year by publishing eight stories throughout the year that highlight key events, individuals, and legislative and legal achievements in CML’s history. The first story is available [here](#), and it and future stories will be accessible from CML’s home page – [www.cml.org](http://www.cml.org). Additional events will take place throughout the year, including the 101<sup>st</sup> CML annual conference in Aurora in June and celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CML’s home – the Ken Bueche Municipal League Building in August. Bueche was CML executive director from 1974 to 2005, and the building at 1144 Sherman Street in Denver was his vision.

*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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