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## **N.C. League of Municipalities' Annual Conference to be held for the first time in Greenville, October 25-27**

Raleigh, NC – September 30, 2009 .... Approximately 1,000 municipal officials, state officials and guests are expected in Greenville October 25-27 for the N.C. League of Municipalities' annual conference. This is the first time that Greenville has hosted an NCLM annual conference. Pre-conference activities will begin October 24, and the conference ends October 27.

Morehead City Mayor Jerry Jones, 2008-2009 NCLM president, will preside at conference activities, which will take place at the Greenville Convention Center.

The keynote speaker for the conference will be Dr. James H. Johnson Jr., the William Rand Kenan Professor of Management at UNC-Chapel Hill. Johnson will open the conference by looking at the economic impact of North Carolina cities and towns. The closing speaker will be Dr. Douglas Brinkley, noted historian and author or editor of 30 books including: *The Reagan Diaries*; *Rosa Parks, A Life*; *The Boys of Point de Hoc: Ronald Reagan, D-Day and the U.S. Army 2nd Ranger Battalion*; *The Great Deluge: Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans and the Mississippi Gulf Coast*; *Portable Civil Rights Reader*; and *Wilderness Warrior: Theodore Roosevelt and the Crusade for America, 1858-1919*.

The annual conference will feature educational opportunities. Workshop topics will include small town financing, closing overt drug markets, transportation, sustainable jobs, economic development, personnel, the environment, ethics and more.

The NCLM conference will include the adoption of the League's core municipal principles and the advocacy agenda for 2009-10, as well as the election of NCLM officers and directors.

Founded in 1908, the League is a voluntary, nonpartisan association of more than 540 cities, towns and villages in North Carolina. The League advocates for municipalities at the state and federal level and provides a variety of direct services.

Note: A preliminary schedule is enclosed. If you are interested in covering any of the conference, please contact Margot Christensen at (919) 715-3931 or [mchriste@nclm.org](mailto:mchriste@nclm.org). There is no registration fee for reporters. For more information on the conference, go to [www.nclm.org](http://www.nclm.org).