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### **Mayor Michael Young Honored as Kansas Mayor of the Year**

Mayor Michael G. Young from the City of Lyons has been named the 2016 Mayor of the Year by the Kansas Mayors Association (KMA). He was recognized in Junction City, where city officials from across Kansas had gathered for the 2016 Leadership Summit and Mayors Conference.

Mr. Young is serving his 3rd term as mayor. He joined the city council, April 2011 as the Ward 4 councilmember. Shortly after, he was selected to be president of the city council. In December 2011, he became mayor.

During his time in office, Mayor Young has worked with numerous state agencies to receive grants and funding, to improve sidewalks, streets, build new homes, upgrade waterlines and replace storm sirens. In addition, under his leadership the city built a new city hall and library and replaced 6,000 linear feet of sewer lines. The City of Lyons received two top ten positions in the fDi Magazine American Cities of the Future Awards 2011/12 and was selected as one of the top ten small Cities of the Future in the United States and Canada.

The Mayor of the Year is selected annually by KMA members. The KMA consists of 358 mayor members throughout Kansas, and exists to advance the proficiency of Kansas mayors and improve the quality of life in Kansas communities. As part of its efforts, the KMA annually recognizes individuals like Mayor Young who have gone above the call of duty to provide exceptional community leadership.

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