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**Kalamazoo County Administrator/Controller Dr. Kevin A. Catlin Earns ICMA Credentialed Manager Designation**

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Dr. Kevin A. Catlin, County Administrator/Controller for Kalamazoo County Government, has been awarded the prestigious Credentialed Manager designation by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). He joins more than 1,300 local government professionals worldwide (55 in Michigan) who have earned this distinction through ICMA’s Voluntary Credentialing Program.

In addition to this achievement, Dr. Catlin was recently named one of the Top 10 County Administrators in the United States for 2026 by *Government Business Review*, recognizing his leadership in strategic governance, fiscal stewardship, and community impact.

ICMA advances professional local government through leadership, innovation, and ethical management. Its membership spans more than 13,000 individuals across 27 countries, including local government executives, educators, and emerging professionals committed to excellence in public service.

To earn the ICMA Credentialed Manager Designation, candidates must demonstrate substantial executive-level experience in local government, possess advanced education in public administration or a related field, and maintain a sustained commitment to integrity, professional development, and lifelong learning.

“On behalf of the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners, we are proud to recognize Dr. Catlin for earning the ICMA Credentialed Manager designation,” said Board Chair Jen Strebs. “This achievement reflects not only his professional excellence, but also his deep commitment to ethical leadership, innovation, and continuous improvement in public service. Under Dr. Catlin’s leadership, Kalamazoo County continues to advance our strategic priorities, strengthen our entire organization, and better serve all our residents. This recognition demonstrates his ability to meet the high standard of governance and administration that our community expects and deserves.”

Dr. Catlin brings more than a decade of executive leadership experience in local government. Prior to his role in Kalamazoo County, he served as County Administrator in Boone County, Illinois; City Manager of Springfield, Michigan; Assistant City Manager and IT Director in Brookings, South Dakota; and Management Analyst in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

His ICMA service includes leadership roles such as Chair of the Local Government Management Fellowship Advisory Board, participation on national education and conference planning committees, and mentorship of emerging professionals. He is also a member of the 2015 ICMA Local Government Management Fellowship cohort.

Dr. Catlin is actively engaged in the Kalamazoo community, serving as Treasurer of OutFront Kalamazoo and as a Trustee of the Kalamazoo Community Foundation.

This designation underscores Kalamazoo County's commitment to professional management and positions the organization among leading local governments nationwide.

For more information regarding the ICMA Voluntary Credentialing Program, contact Star-Aisha Boyd at ICMA, 777 North Capitol Street, N.E., #500, Washington, D.C. 20002-4201; [credentialing@icma.org](mailto:credentialing@icma.org) ; 202-962-3504.

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ICMA, the International City/County Management Association, advances professional local government worldwide. The organization's mission is to advance professional local government through leadership, management, innovation, and ethics.

ICMA identifies leading practices to address the needs of local governments and professionals serving communities globally. We provide services, research, publications, data and information, peer and results-oriented assistance, and training and professional development to thousands of city, town, and county leaders and other individuals and organizations throughout the world. The management decisions made by ICMA's members affect millions of people living in thousands of communities, ranging in size from small towns to large metropolitan areas.

The ICMA logo is located in the bottom right corner of the page. It consists of the letters "ICMA" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The logo is positioned over a decorative background of overlapping, semi-transparent light blue squares of various sizes, creating a modern, geometric pattern.