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PRESS RELEASE

**Mayor-Commissioner Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy
recognized with a 2020 Home Rule Award**

The City of Indian Rocks Beach is proud to announce that the Florida League of Cities has recognized Mayor-Commissioner Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy with a 2020 Home Rule Award. Mayor-Commissioner Kennedy earned this award for her work to advance the League's efforts concerning Vacation Rentals and support of home rule. This is the second City of Indian Rocks Beach Official who has been named a Home Rule Hero in the last several years.

Home Rule is the ability of a city to address local problems at the local level with minimal state interference. Mayor-Commissioner Kennedy was named, with other local government officials from the State of Florida, for consistently responding to the League's request for local government leaders to reach out to members of the legislature on important municipal matters.

Mayor-Commissioner Kennedy stated: "I am honored to be recognized by the Florida League of Cities this year for advocating for our IRB residents and reminding our elected officials in Tallahassee of the importance of Home Rule".

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