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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Dubuque Named a 2013 All-America City

DENVER, Colo. – The National Civic League has named Dubuque one of its 10 All-America Cities for 2013. A Dubuque delegation accepted the award tonight in Denver, where they competed among 20 finalist communities for this national honor at the annual All-America City Awards (AAC) competition, June 14-16.

The All-America City Award is sponsored by the National Civic League and recognizes 10 communities annually for outstanding civic impact and action planning. Winning applicants demonstrate innovation, inclusiveness, civic engagement, and cross-sector collaboration by describing successful efforts to address pressing local challenges. The designation gives the winning communities “bragging rights” that can help them recruit new businesses, increase jobs, and obtain grants for community betterment projects in the future.

This year, the program spotlighting community-wide initiatives that honor and benefit veterans and military families. Dubuque’s application was a collaborative effort led by the City of Dubuque and the Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce with involvement from numerous business and non-profit sector partners. The application featured a community background section and detailed descriptions of three community-driven projects: veteran-oriented programs, workforce development efforts, and the Historic Millwork District revitalization initiative.

This is the third time Dubuque has been named an All-America City. Dubuque first received the designation in 2007 and again in 2012 when the competition focused on efforts to improve grade-level reading.

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