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## **Broward County Mayor Kristin Jacobs to Receive *Commissioner Leadership Award* from Florida Local Environmental Resource Agencies, Inc.**

On Thursday, August 4, at 12:30 p.m., Broward County Mayor Kristin Jacobs will receive the ***Commissioner Leadership Award***, presented by the Florida Local Environmental Resource Agencies, Inc. (FLERA) at its annual conference, which is being held at the Jupiter Beach Resort, 5 North A1A, Jupiter, Florida. The award will be presented to Mayor Jacobs at FLERA's award luncheon.

The ***Commissioner Leadership Award*** is given to City or County Commissioners for their dedication to protecting Florida's unique environment in the communities that they represent. In addition to Mayor Jacobs, this year's recipients include Mayor Richard Crotty of Orange County and Commissioner Ronda Storms of Hillsborough County.

Potential recipients are nominated by FLERA members before being reviewed by a committee and selected based upon the results of the review. Mayor Jacobs was nominated for the award by Rick Wilkins, Director of Broward County's Environmental Protection Department and President of FLERA.

"Mayor Jacobs has declared 2005 as the 'Year of the Environment' in Broward County," Wilkins said. "At every opportunity she has steadfastly promoted environmental education and awareness at every step, advocating Everglades restoration, the Safe Parks and Land Preservation Bond Program and NatureScape Broward. I cannot think of a person who deserves this award more."

"It is an honor to be recognized by FLERA for my work with the environment here in Broward County. This year has brought much accomplishment. Our Greenways program is expanding and heading toward completion. The NatureScape Broward program has received national attention and Broward County is on its way to becoming the first in the Country to be certified by the National Wildlife Federation," said Mayor Jacobs.

FLERA is a statewide association of local government environmental programs providing services to more than 12 million Floridians. An important goal of FLERA is to further relationships and partnerships with public agencies and the private sector in preserving, restoring and protecting Florida's environment.

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