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## **Milford Charter Township Clerk is Immediate Past President of Michigan Townships Association Board**

**Delta Charter Township, Mich.**—Milford Charter Township (Oakland Co.) Clerk Colleen Schwartz is the immediate past president of the Michigan Townships Association (MTA) Board of Directors, as established at the Association's 57th Annual Educational Conference, held Jan. 27-29, 2010, at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids. As immediate past president, Schwartz will serve on the Association's Executive Committee.

During her presidency, Schwartz brought enthusiasm and passion for township government.

"Townships play a major role in the restoration of Michigan's prosperity," she said. "A greater percentage of residents live in townships and by developing a sense of place, we can not only establish areas that people want to call home, but places where businesses will want to establish themselves."

Schwartz served as Milford Charter Township deputy clerk beginning in 1977 until she was elected clerk in 1996. She was elected to the MTA Board of Directors in 2001. In addition to her involvement with MTA, Schwartz has also been involved with several other organizations including the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, Michigan Association of Clerks, Oakland County Clerks, Women's Economic Club and more. In 2002, Schwartz was named Michigan's Township Clerk of the Year.

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*The Michigan Townships Association promotes the interests of Michigan townships by fostering strong, vibrant communities; advocating legislation to meet 21st century challenges; developing knowledgeable, township officials and enthusiastic supporters of township government; and encouraging ethical practices of elected officials who uphold the traditions and unique characteristics of township government and the values of the people of Michigan.*