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CINDY VOLANTI NAMED 2026 KANSAS HR PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Topeka, KS — Cindy Volanti, SHRM-SCP, HR Manager, City of Prairie Village and member of the SHRM Johnson County Chapter, has been recognized as the **2026 Trombold Achievement & Kansas HR Professional of the Year** by the Kansas State Council of the Society for Human Resource Management, Inc. (KS SHRM).

The Trombold Achievement Award recognizes HR professionals who demonstrate exceptional professionalism, integrity, leadership, and service to the HR profession and their communities. Established in 1992, the award honors the legacy of George Trombold, a longtime HR leader who served the profession at both the local and national levels and believed strongly in the importance of giving back.

Volanti has spent more than two decades in Human Resources and more than three decades serving the public sector, growing from a career in payroll and benefits into a trusted HR leader and resource for employees and organizational leaders.

Her leadership extends well beyond her organization. She has held numerous volunteer leadership roles across multiple SHRM chapters and the State Council, as well as community roles. Known for stepping forward when leadership is needed, Volanti has helped chapters navigate challenging transitions, taken on responsibilities beyond her formal roles, and shared her expertise through presentations on compliance, best practices, resilience, and the realities of HR.

Volanti has demonstrated that leadership is not simply about holding a title—it is about creating opportunities for others, strengthening the organizations and communities she serves, and leaving the profession better than she found it.

“Cindy embodies the spirit of exceptional HR leadership through a steadfast commitment to serving others, strengthening organizations, and elevating the HR profession,” said Stacey Moeder, Director, KS SHRM. “Her willingness to step forward, share her expertise and invest in others reflects the qualities this award was created to honor.”

Volanti accepted the award at the 37th Annual Kansas SHRM Conference in Manhattan, Kansas, where more than 600 HR professionals from across the state gathered. The Trombold Award honors HR leaders who demonstrate exceptional service, innovation, and commitment to advancing the profession. Volanti is the 35th recipient of the Trombold Award since its establishment in 1992.

For more information about the Trombold Achievement Award, visit <https://ksshrm.org/trombold-achievement/>.

About Kansas State Council of SHRM, Inc.

The Kansas State Council of SHRM, Inc. (KS SHRM) represents more than 3,200 members as the state affiliate of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM). Founded in 1948, SHRM is the world's largest HR association with over 285,000 members worldwide.

KS SHRM is a nonprofit, volunteer-led organization dedicated to supporting HR professionals through education, advocacy, and collaboration. Kansas has 11 SHRM-affiliated chapters, each represented on the State Council.

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