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**CITY OF NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA INFORMATION SYSTEMS DIRECTOR
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***RICK WALL, INFORMATION SYSTEMS DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH
CAROLINA RECOGNIZED AS GMIS INTERNATIONAL APRIL 2017 MEMBER OF THE MONTH***

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Rick Wall, Information Systems Director for the City of North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina has been honored as the April 2017 Member of the Month for GMIS International, an international organization of public sector IT leaders. Rick was selected for this recognition based on his service and management of the city's IT department which includes 8 staff with an IT budget of over \$1 million. Mr. Wall has been a member of GMIS International since 2009.

Over the past year the City of North Myrtle Beach has managed to leverage technology to improve service levels. With limited personnel resources, the department has learned to find efficiencies and look for creative solutions. Technologies like LTE and virtual desktops have made in-office applications available in the field. As a tourism driven economy, the city experiences wide swings in service demand. Technology is key to the organization's response and responsiveness.

As a part of the continued focus on efficient operations, the city is starting to move from a backplane core switch (Extreme Black Diamond) to current discreet but interconnected core switching. The department is also in the process of moving the primary website to external hosting. This process has been slowed due to internal applications that must be rewritten to accommodate the move.

Mr. Wall gave the following advice to other IT Managers: "Hire smart people that enjoy solving problems!"

Since joining GMIS International in 1998 Mr. Wall appreciates access to the GMIS Listserv. Mr. Wall noted that access to the GMIS Listserv is "worth the price of admission!"

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