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McHenry County Receives Excellence in Financial Reporting Award

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the McHenry County by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the 11th consecutive year. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

McHenry County Auditor Pam Palmer and her staff are primarily responsible for preparing the CAFR. Ms. Palmer stated, "It is a collaborative effort to produce this financial report to convey the financial position of the County to our citizens and others, as well as being a valuable resource when the County seeks to obtain financing. I would especially like to thank my Senior Accountant, Jim Bernier, and the professional services of our external auditors, Baker Tilley Virchow Krause, LLP."

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with office in Chicago, Illinois and Washington, D.C.

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"McHenry County government is dedicated to providing the highest quality services for the health, safety, and welfare of the County's residents and communities. We foster representative and transparent government to ensure social, economic and environmental justice.