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Another Day, Another Milestone for the Clerk's Office: AIG 2016 Peer Review

The office of Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller's Division of Inspector General (IG), is proud to announce another milestone in the division's continuous self-improvement program. During the first week of August, the Association of Inspectors General (AIG) conducted an independent, external quality assurance peer review. The review included a thorough assessment of all aspects of the IG's policies and procedures, management, audit and investigative operations, and support services to determine compliance with the recognized audit and investigative standards of excellence.

The Peer Review Team concluded that the Division **met all relevant standards** of the Institute of Internal Auditors' (IIA) *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing* and the Association of Inspectors General's *Principles and Standards for Offices of Inspector General*, which is the highest affirmation. "We are extremely pleased with the results of the AIG independent, external quality assessment and will strive to continue improving our processes," stated Clerk Burke. "A special commendation is extended to the IG team for their daily effort and professionalism leading up to this important milestone."

The purpose of this independent, external quality assessment is to determine whether the office performs its audits in accordance with the *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing* (known as the "Red Book") and whether investigations are conducted according to the Association of Inspectors General's *Principles and Standards for Offices of Inspector General* (known as the "Green Book").

Although participation in a peer review is voluntary, there are many benefits of undergoing an AIG external quality assessment. One such benefit is the fact that such organizations can state their activities "*conform with Auditing and Investigative Standards.*" All in all, an external quality assessment provides evidence to many stakeholders that the organization is concerned about its internal controls, ethics, governance and risk management processes and is committed to quality and successful leading practices.

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ABOUT THE CLERK'S OFFICE:

The Clerk of the Circuit Court was established as a public trustee by the Florida Constitution in 1838. The Clerk of the Circuit Court serves as the Clerk of Courts, the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, Auditor, Recorder and Custodian of all county funds.