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Pinellas Clerk's Financial Reporting Received Award Winning Recognition

The Pinellas County Clerk's office was once again recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) with two national awards in government financial reporting. For the 36th consecutive year, the Clerk's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) received the prestigious Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Clerk's Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR), known as the Citizens' Guide to County Finances, also received the association's award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for the 11th consecutive year.

"It's a great source of pride and honor to be recognized, year after year, for the hard work and commitment our employees dedicate towards these important financial reports," said Ken Burke, Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller. "Both reports provide citizens valuable insights regarding the county's financial health, along with highlights and information on county government."

The PAFR is a brief synopsis of the county's financial health presented in a user friendly manner. The CAFR is a much more in-depth report that includes all county financial information such as statements, assets, revenues, expenses and tax collections. Both publications contain financial information for the county's 2015-2016 fiscal year, which ran from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016 and can be found on the Clerk's website www.mypinellasclerk.org.

About GFOA

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), founded in 1906, represents public finance officials throughout the U.S. and Canada. The association's more than 19,000 members are federal, state/provincial, and local finance officials deeply involved in planning, financing, and implementing thousands of governmental operations in each of their jurisdictions. GFOA's mission is to promote excellence in state and local government financial management. To meet the many needs of its members, the organization provides best practice guidance, consulting, networking opportunities, publications including books, e-books, and periodicals, recognition programs, research, and training opportunities for those in the profession. To learn more, visit www.gfoa.org

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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.