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Pinellas Clerk Receives Award Winning Recognition for Financial Reporting

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 37th 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 12th consecutive year.

"It is a true honor to be recognized by the GFOA with these distinguished awards for our reporting," said Ken Burke, Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller. "Much praise is extended to the hard working employees who diligently compile these important financial reports year after year. Every citizen is encouraged to review the CAFR and PAFR reports as they provide 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 2016-2017 fiscal year, which ran from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 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.