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**FORSYTH COUNTY EARNS CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT
FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING**

Finance Department receives award for eighth consecutive year

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – For the eighth consecutive year, Forsyth County earned the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). 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.

The Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the Forsyth County Finance Department, as the department primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR. The Finance Department is managed by Finance Director Cherrita Griswold. Forsyth County has received this award each year since 2000.

The CAFR was 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.

“Forsyth County government is committed to transparency in our financial operations and to serving our taxpayers to the very best of our ability,” Chief Financial Officer Bill Thomas said. “The entire Finance Department should be commended not only for receiving this recognition but also for committing every day to governmental finance professionalism. This award reflects the hard work of the department under the management of Finance Director Cherrita Griswold.”

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 16,000 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, Ill., and Washington, D.C.

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