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FORSYTH COUNTY RECOGNIZED
FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

Finance Department receives award for tenth consecutive year

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – For the tenth consecutive year, Forsyth County has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) that was issued for Fiscal Year 2009. 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. Forsyth County has received this award each year since 2000.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement was also awarded to Interim Assistant Finance Director Jamie Payne, as the individual primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning 2009 CAFR.

Forsyth County's 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.

"The entire Finance Department is to be commended for receiving this recognition," said Director of Finance/Controller David Gruen, who joined Forsyth County in November 2010. "This award is a reflection of Forsyth County government's commitment to transparency as well as the professional work of our entire Finance Department."

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

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