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St. Johns County Clerk of Court Receives Award for Financial Excellence and Transparency

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., February 20, 2024 — St. Johns County Clerk of the Circuit Court and County Comptroller announced today that St. Johns County government was awarded the Government Finance Officers Association’s (GFOA’s) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for fiscal year 2022.

“St. Johns County is again recognized for maintaining a high level of transparency and accessibility with its finances,” said Clerk Brandon J. Patty. “While my office coordinates the annual financial report, county administration, especially the Office of Management and Budget and the Department of Economic Development, and each of the constitutional officers share in the credit for a job well done.”

According to GFOA, the certificate of achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The county’s annual financial report was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly share financial information and motivate the public to review the report. Its attainment represents only the top 5% of 87,000 U.S. and Canadian governments achieving the distinction.

The 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, a 400-plus-page accounting of the county’s fiscal year 2021-2022 budget and finances, can be found online at stjohnsclerk.com/comprehensive_annual_financial_report/. The condensed version of the report, the Popular Annual Financial Report, features comprehensive report highlights written for the general public and others without a background in public finance and illustrates how county tax dollars are collected and spent. It can be found at stjohnsclerk.com/pafr/.

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About the St. Johns County Clerk of Courts and County Comptroller

The Florida Constitution established the Clerk of Courts and County Comptroller office in 1838 to create a system of checks and balances at the county level. In St. Johns County, the clerk is Clerk of the Circuit Court and serves also as the County Treasurer, Recorder, Auditor, Finance Officer, and Ex-Officio Clerk of the County Commission.

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