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**Fayette County's Finance Department receives the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**

*Fayette County, Georgia, April 15, 2016* – On April 8, 2016 the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) announced through a press release that Fayette County, Georgia had received the GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

This award is in recognition for the county's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and 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.

“This award is a reflection of the excellent financial stewardship and management of our CFO, Mary Parrott, and her finance team” said Fayette County Manager, Steve Rapson.

The announcement further states that an award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the individual(s), department or agency designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR. This award has been presented to the Fayette County Finance Department.

“This marks the 23<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year achieving this award for Fayette County. Finance members work together in a team effort, setting this award as a standard to continue the tradition” said Fayette County Chief Financial Officer, Mary Parrott.

County Commissioner Chairman Charles Oddo said, “the Certificate of Achievement is indicative of the care and extra effort put forth by our Finance Department in fulfilling our fiduciary responsibility to the citizens of Fayette County.”

The designation of these awards demonstrates a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate its financial story.

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