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### FINANCIAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

Rutherford County----The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the County of Rutherford by Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). 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.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement (AFRA) is awarded to the individual(s), department, or agency designated by the government as primarily responsible for its having earned the award-winning CAFR. We are pleased to announce that Rutherford County Finance Department qualifies for the Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting. This was presented to:

Finance Director Paula Roach and her staff at the Board of Commissioners Monthly Meeting on September 6, 2016.

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

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