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## **Lake County Clerk's Office receives Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**

**TAVARES** — The Lake County Clerk's Office was recently awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

"The Clerk's Finance Department works diligently every year to prepare this important financial document so that the residents can know and understand the county's finances," said Gary Cooney, Lake County Clerk and Comptroller. "It is a great honor that GFOA has recognized this effort and the quality of the report."

The CAFR includes the financial statements of the Board of County Commissioners, Clerk of Courts, Sheriff, Tax Collector, Property Appraiser and Supervisor of Elections, as well as dependent special districts and other agencies of the County. The report is prepared with support from all of the agencies.

According to the GFOA, the award 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 judging is done by an impartial panel, which looks at whether the report clearly communicates an organization's financial story and motivates users to read the document.

To view a copy of the award-winning CAFR for Fiscal Year 2017, visit the Lake County Clerk's website at [www.lakecountyclerk.org/forms/cafr/2017\\_CAFR.pdf](http://www.lakecountyclerk.org/forms/cafr/2017_CAFR.pdf).

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