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County Honored For Excellence in Financial Reporting

FAYETTEVILLE – The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada has awarded Cumberland County with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the County's comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for fiscal year 2015. The award is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. This is the 26th consecutive year Cumberland County's Finance Department has received the award.

The award names Finance Director Vicki Evans as the finance officer responsible for preparing the award-winning report. The County's Finance Department was recognized Sept. 6 during the Board of Commissioners meeting.

The County's annual financial report 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.

"Cumberland County wins this award year after year because we care and we want to people to read our financial statements and understand exactly what's in them," said Chairman Marshall Faircloth.

The report can be viewed online at co.cumberland.nc.us/finance/audit_reports.aspx.