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Treasurer's Office Once Again Recognized for Achieving Accreditation

The Gloucester County Treasurer's office has again received its accreditation from the Treasurer's Association of Virginia (TAV).

"I am very proud that the Treasurer's Office has once again been recognized by the Treasurers' Association of Virginia as an accredited office," said Gloucester Treasurer Tara Thomas. "Our office first achieved this in 2003, and we have been recognized every year since then. It is tangible recognition of the effort put forth each and every day by the Treasurer's Office staff members and myself to serve the citizens of Gloucester County."

As part of the accreditation process, offices must successfully pass an outside audit with no findings of material weakness.

The rigorous accreditation process also requires proof of continuing education such as attendance of an ethics course by the treasurer (or a principal officer) and educational requirements for all staff. Accredited offices are required to have written policies in place addressing areas such as personnel, customer service and delinquent collections.

"These offices have met the highest standards of achievement and integrity measured by our association," says Treasurers' Association President Jeff Shafer. "We are proud of the 71 offices which received accreditation this year and the hard work and dedication it took for each of them to demonstrate excellence in fiscal management."

The Treasurers Association has 187 active members across Virginia's cities, counties, and towns. Their goal is to utilize education and networking to raise professionalism and fiscal leadership in Virginia's Treasurers and their staffs. The Association hosts multiple classes and conferences to support its members and enable offices to stay current in practices and standards. Members

adhere to a strict code of ethics and to the highest standards of performance as they seek to administer faithfully the funds entrusted to them by the citizens of Virginia. For more information visit www.vatreas.com.

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