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Steele Earns Credentialed Manager Certification

Carol Steele, Acting County Administrator for Gloucester County, recently received the Credentialed Manager designation from ICMA, the International City/County Management Association. Ms. Steele is one of over 1,300 local government management professionals currently credentialed through the ICMA Voluntary Credentialing Program.

ICMA's mission is to advance professional local government through leadership, management, innovation, and ethics and by increasing the proficiency of appointed chief administrative officers, assistant administrators, and other employees who serve local governments and regional entities around the world. The organization's 13,000 members in 27 countries also include educators, students, and other local government employees.

To receive the prestigious ICMA credential, a member must have significant experience as a senior management executive in local government; have earned a degree, preferably in public administration or a related field; and demonstrated a commitment to high standards of integrity and to lifelong learning and professional development.

Ms. Steele qualified for credentialing based on her long tenure with the County as a Department Head and by serving for more than four years in administration as Assistant County Administrator and then Deputy County Administrator. For the last year, she also has served as the Acting County Administrator. In addition, Steele completed the Senior Executive Institute (SEI) in 2019 which is sponsored by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia.

"Becoming a Credentialed Manager was a goal that I set for myself when I was promoted into administration," Steele said. "I'm delighted to have earned the title and look forward to the

ongoing training opportunities.” Credentialing requires Steele to maintain a Professional Development Plan and document completion of 40 or more hours of professional development activities along with a summary of what she learned.

“Carol has dedicated her life to do what she could to improve Gloucester in every capacity she has served in,” said Dr. JJ Orth, Chairman of the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors. “And she has sought ways to improve her capabilities in managing different aspects of the day-to-day workings of Gloucester. Kudos to Carol for obtaining this significant milestone in her career and for Gloucester for having such a dedicated employee.”

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Carol Steele