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Lake County Clerk's Office receives Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

TAVARES — The Lake County Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller's Office was recently awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers

Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its Fiscal Year 2021 budget. This is the 29th year that the Clerk's Office has received the award.

"The preparation of the annual budget is a meticulous and lengthy process that involves a great deal of coordination between all of our departments," said Gary Cooney, Lake County Clerk and Comptroller. "Our Budget Officer, Kevin McDonald, works diligently to ensure the information is presented in a professional and



comprehensive manner, which culminated in earning this distinguished honor from GFOA."

The award is given only after a panel of independent reviewers closely examines the budget document to ensure that nationally recognized guidelines are met. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device.

According to the GFOA, the award "is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting," and reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting.