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Maricopa County, Ariz. Recorder Helen Purcell Honored as National Association of County Recorders, Election Officials and Clerks Public Official of the Year

Morrisville, N.C. - The Public Official of the Year Award was presented to Maricopa County, Ariz. Recorder Helen Purcell, at the Annual Conference of the National Association of County Recorders, Election Officials and Clerks (NACRC) on July 17 in Reno, Nev.

Each year, the Public Official of the Year Award honors a person that has exemplified leadership, ingenuity and excellence in his or her office. Excellence in government is a challenge in our ever-changing world. Delivering top quality service during good times is easy; only those with long-term vision are able to continue to deliver quality service in bad times.

Purcell is recognized among peers as one of the most efficient and conscientious recorders in the United States. She is equally respected among her county's constituency because of her commitment to professionalism and ethical principles.

Since being elected in 1988, Purcell has been dedicated to the highest standards in the field of recordation and elections. She has strived for excellence, not only with staff but also for the community served by her office.

Purcell has a respected and dedicated staff because they are proud to work with and for her. They have watched her develop the office into one of respectability and proficiency. Her office is responsible for recording and maintaining, for permanent public record, 6,000-10,000 documents per day and maintaining voter registration rolls for over 1.8 million registered voters.

Described as innovative, Purcell is recognized for her commitment to the highest of standards in election practices and implementation. The Department of Elections ranks her office among the top departments in the nation. The department boasts a permanent early voting list of three quarters of a million registered voters, which continues to grow due to its popularity and security.

Under Purcell's management, her county recorder's office was the first in the nation to place its documents online for easier public access. She has always sought information from peers across the country, looking for innovative ways to increase efficiencies and improve customer service. An early participant in the Property Records Industry Association (PRIA), she also was a leader in finding ways to increase electronic recordings. In 2010, she introduced the KIOSK for public use with the intent to have several key locations available to the public for recording documents in the county.

"Purcell has demonstrated integrity and skill in overseeing the recorder's office for one of the nation's largest counties. She has worked tirelessly to improve election access and security, improving voting equipment and making her county among the nation's leaders in vote-by-mail technology," said Arizona Secretary of State Ken Bennett.

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About the National Association of County Recorders, Election Officials and Clerks (NACRC) – NACRC is a national association of elected and appointed county administrative officials. The association has approximately 560 members consisting of elected and appointed county officials and their staffs, as well as private companies providing county offices with goods and services. NACRC is managed by IMI Association Executives, a Morrisville-based association management firm. For more information, visit our website, www.nacrc.org.