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## **Erie County honored for financial transparency for 28th consecutive year**

ERIE, Pa. – County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper is proud to announce that her administration has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. This is the 28<sup>th</sup> consecutive year for the County of Erie to receive this award.

Erie County's General Accounting Office, led by Jim Sparber and Tracey Fugagli, earned the designation for its comprehensive annual financial report for fiscal year ending December 31, 2019.

Erie County's comprehensive annual financial report was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

"Erie County strives to be a model county known for many achievements and resources, but transparent government is chief among them," Dahlkemper said. "I am proud of the employees and elected officials in county government who work together to be very good stewards of taxpayer dollars. My administration has consistently maintained transparency with Erie County finances under the guidance and meticulous supervision of our accounting team."

This Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and, according to the association, its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

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