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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Financial Excellence Achieved for Eighth Consecutive Year**

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**Shalimar, FL** - For the eighth consecutive year, the Okaloosa County Tax Collector has earned the Legacy Award for Continued Excellence in Financial Operations. The Legacy Award, presented by the Florida Tax Collector Association, is one of the highest honors a Florida Tax Collector can receive.

Consideration for the Legacy Award requires a thorough and comprehensive review of the financial operations of the Tax Collector Office. "An office must demonstrate financial excellence by earning a perfect annual audit clear of any findings, and adding an enhancement to a crucial area of financial competency. The areas of competency include Innovation & Automation, Customer Focus, and Budgeting." states Honorable John Power of Alachua County, current President of the Florida Tax Collector Association. Power adds, "After a review by a judging panel comprised of government financial executives throughout Florida, the Honorable Ben Anderson earned this esteemed designation for an astonishing eighth consecutive year."

"Receiving the Legacy Award is truly an honor and a testament to our dedicated Finance Team", states Okaloosa County Tax Collector, Ben Anderson. "Our Chief Financial Officer, Keri Holguin, along with Finance Administrators, Tony Forcier and Jennifer Leach work tirelessly to ensure accurate financial records. They continually identify and implement new ways to automate processes leading to increased efficiencies, all while saving taxpayer dollars and ensuring timely and accurate disbursements. I am extremely proud of them. They are deserving of this great honor and accomplishment."

The Tax Collector Office processes over 540,000 transactions annually, equaling \$270 Million for the services provided. Services include property and business tax collection, enforcement, driver license issuance, motor vehicle services, hunting and fishing licenses, birth certificates, concealed weapon licensing, and passport processing.

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