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Treasurer's Office Recognized for Achieving Accreditation

The Gloucester County Treasurer's office recently received its accreditation from the Treasurer's Association of Virginia (TAV).

The Office Accreditation program is a voluntary professional certificate program overseen by the Treasurers' Association of Virginia. Sixty-seven treasurer's offices received accreditation this year.

While it is not required for any treasurer's office to be accredited, receiving accreditation acknowledges that the office meets the statewide best practices for performance in treasury management.

"I am very proud that the Treasurer's Office has once again been recognized by the Treasurers' Association of Virginia as an accredited office," said Gloucester Treasurer Tara Thomas. "Our office first achieved this in 2003, and we have been recognized every year since then. It is tangible recognition of the effort put forth each and every day by the Treasurer's Office staff members and myself to serve the citizens of Gloucester County."

As part of the accreditation process, offices must successfully pass an outside audit with no findings of material weakness.

The rigorous accreditation process also requires proof of continuing education such as attendance of an ethics course by the treasurer and educational requirements for all staff. Accredited offices are required to have written policies in place addressing areas such as personnel, customer service and delinquent collections.

"These offices have met the highest standards of achievement and integrity measured by our association," says Treasurers' Association President Carla de la Pava. "We are proud of the 67 offices which received accreditation this year and the hard work and dedication it took for each of them to demonstrate excellence in fiscal management."

The Treasurers Association has 187 active members across Virginia's cities, counties, and towns. Their goal is to utilize education and networking to raise professionalism and fiscal

leadership in Virginia's Treasurers and their staffs. The Association hosts multiple classes and conferences to support its members and enable offices to stay current in practices and standards. Members adhere to a strict code of ethics and to the highest standards of performance as they seek to administer faithfully the funds entrusted to them by the citizens of Virginia. For more information visit www.vatreas.com.

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Gloucester Treasurer's Office staff members include, front row from left, Mary Terry, Holly Azevedo and Maria Calloway and back row, from left, Cindy Michaud, Tara Thomas (Treasurer), Tammy Fox, Lisa Breaud and Cindy Jessie.