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Commissioners Acknowledge Importance of County Government

Leonardtown, MD – Across the country 3,069 counties serve more than 300 million Americans. These counties provide essential services to create healthy, safe and vibrant communities by moving America forward. Counties also keep communities safe, provide quality education and create economic opportunities.

St. Mary's County, along with all counties, takes pride in its responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways. In realizing the important services county government provides on daily basis to its citizens, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County joined the National Association of Counties in issuing a proclamation recognizing April as National County Government Month.

“In order to remain healthy, vibrant and safe, America's counties provide safety, infrastructure, transportation, technology, environmental stewardship and economic services that play a key role in everything from residents' daily commutes to emergency response,” said Commissioner Todd Morgan (4th District).

The commissioners urged county officials, employees and citizens to learn more about the valuable services provided by their county government.

Following the commissioner's recognition, Gretchen Hardman, Southern Maryland Intergovernmental Representative for Governor Larry Hogan, presented a National County Government Month citation on behalf of the Governor to Commissioner President Randy Guy. The citation paid a “well deserved tribute to honor and celebrate the outstanding programs, excellent work and services that strengthen communities in our nation's counties.”

Media outlets are free to use photos from the ceremony – which can be downloaded from the county's photo page at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/stmaryscountygovernment/sets/>. Outlets publishing photos from the photo page are asked to courtesy the “St. Mary's County Public Information Office.”

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