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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **For Immediate Release**

#### **San Juan County Recognized with State, National Awards for Financial Accountability**

*Awards certify the highest level of achievement in managing public funds.*

*Aztec, NM*—San Juan County has earned the highest awards for financial accountability, being recognized at a statewide and nationwide level.

On Thursday in Santa Fe, San Juan County staff members and commissioners were presented with the large county Audit and Accountability Award for fiscal year 2021 by New Mexico State Auditor Joseph Maestas. This is the sixth time San Juan County has earned the distinction. Audit and Accountability Awards serve to recognize excellence in audit results, timely audit reports, and clean findings. A good audit reflects a county's strong finance department, elected officials, and management. San Juan County is one of 10 New Mexico counties to receive the award this year.

Additionally, San Juan County has been recognized on a national level with the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for fiscal year 2022, Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award for fiscal year 2022, as well as the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the fiscal year 2023. This is the 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive year the County has earned a Certificate of Excellence, 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award, and 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive budget presentation award.

The combination of the three awards makes San Juan County a GFOA Triple Crown winner for the third year in a row.

To receive these awards, San Juan County satisfied all accounting and reporting standards while following all nationally recognized reporting guidelines. Each submission is adjudicated by a team of financial professionals.

The awards all mean that San Juan County is adhering to the highest standards of accounting practice and oversight of spending taxpayer dollars. It is a reflection of collective dedication and hard work within the Finance department, and through all parts of the agency, to ensure that the County's records are accurate, reliable, and reported fairly.