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## ORANGE COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER REACHES MILESTONE BY REACHING 9 MILLION ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS

(Santa Ana, Calif.) - This past Tuesday, the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department reached a milestone in electronic recording history by reaching 9 million electronically submitted and recorded documents. This milestone achievement maintains the department as a nationwide industry leader and is a testament to the department's commitment to bringing the residents of Orange County fast and efficient services.

Back in July of 2017, the department reached its 8 millionth electronically submitted document. While recording real property documents electronically is a common service today, in 1997 Orange County changed the industry by implementing the first electronic recording delivery system in the nation. Current Orange County Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen was part of the team that implemented the first system.

"People thought that it wouldn't work," Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen said. "Many County Recorders in California couldn't envision how a secure electronic process could be implemented. In 1997, the Orange County system was the pilot program which proved the concept did work and formed the foundation for today's system guidelines and procedures."

Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen attributes much of the success to the vision of the late Gary Granville who was the Clerk-Recorder in 1997.

Currently the department records 68% of all documents submitted for recording electronically. In 2008, the department joined with Los Angeles, Riverside and San Diego Counties to implement the current electronic delivery system known as SECURE. This system allows title, escrow, financial and government institutions to record property documents electronically to multiple counties from one single computer screen.

Most recently the department received a National Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties in May 2019 for its SECURE - Government to Government component. This is the component that allows government entities to submit documents electronically.

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