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Orange County Clerk-Recorder Earns National Achievement Award for “COVID-19: Hitched at Honda Center Through Marriage Services”

WASHINGTON – The Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department has been recognized with an Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo). The awards honor innovative, effective county government programs that strengthen services for residents.

NACo recognized **“COVID-19: Hitched at Honda Center through Marriage Services”**, in the award category of **County Administration and Management**. The Hitched at Honda Center program allowed the department to reimagine the marriage services process. Through thoughtful planning, training, and management, staff worked from inside ticket booths at Honda Center in Anaheim, California that had all the resources needed to be fully functional despite operating from a remote location. This allowed the department to continue rendering essential marriage services to its customers in a totally reimagined manner despite the pandemic.

“Once again, I am humbled by this award.” Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen said. “It was a tough year with the pandemic, and I am so proud of my staff for making it possible to continue delivering essential marriage services in a safe, efficient and creative manner despite all the obstacles that the pandemic created. We were there for customers when they needed us most. I would also like to thank Honda Center, the City of Anaheim, Orange County Public Works, and the Orange County Fair and Event Center for helping us make this possible.”

NACo President Gary Moore said, “Over the past year, county officials and frontline employees have demonstrated bold, inspirational leadership. This year’s Achievement Award winning programs illustrate the innovative ways counties build healthy, safe and vibrant communities across America.”

Nationally, awards are given in 18 different categories that reflect the vast, comprehensive services counties provide. The categories include children and youth, criminal justice and public safety, county administration, information technology, health, civic engagement and many more.

Started in 1970, NACo’s annual Achievement Awards program is designed to recognize county government innovations. Each nominee is judged on its own merits and not against other applications received.

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