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Orange County Clerk-Recorder Earns National Achievement Award for Bridging Distances for Love: Virtual Marriage Ceremony Initiative

Santa Ana, CA – The Bridging Distances for Love: Clerk-Recorder's Virtual Marriage Ceremony Initiative has been recognized with a 2024 Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo). The award honors innovative and effective county government programs that strengthen services for residents.

The Orange County Clerk-Recorder's Virtual Marriage Ceremony Initiative facilitates remote participation in civil marriage ceremonies via live streaming technology. Designed to transcend geographical barriers, the program allows couples to invite family and friends from anywhere in the world to witness their special day in real-time. Couples visiting branch offices are offered the option to live stream their ceremony at no additional fee via Zoom and are provided a secure link to share with their invited guests for seamless connectivity. The initiative aims to enhance inclusivity, enabling couples to share their joyous occasion with loved ones who may be unable to attend physically due to health concerns or distance.

“I am humbled to receive this recognition,” said Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen. “Receiving this award highlights my dedicated staff’s commitment to thinking how best to serve our couples on their special day through the use of available technologies.”

Each year, NACo’s Achievement Awards recognize outstanding programming in 18 categories aligned with the vast, comprehensive services counties provide. The categories include children and youth, criminal justice and public safety, libraries, management, information technology, health, civic engagement and more. Launched in 1970, the program is designed to celebrate innovation in county government. Each nominated program is judged on its own merits and not against other applications.

“The Achievement Awards recognize excellence in county government and effective public service,” said NACo President Mary Jo McGuire. “This year’s winners have delivered results for our residents and demonstrated innovative efforts to strengthen our communities.”

For any questions, please call the department’s information line at (714) 834-2500 during normal business hours Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except holidays.

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