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TO: County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Lucas Dahling, Finance Director

SUBJECT: GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

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We are proud to announce that the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Goodhue County for the annual comprehensive financial report (audit) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024. This was the sixth consecutive year that Goodhue County has achieved this prestigious award.

The award is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

I'd like to congratulate and thank both Administrator Arneson and the Goodhue County Board for their continued support as this attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. This achievement would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of our talented staff including the county-wide finance team, payroll team, and the department heads for adhering to the strict accounting and policy standards that put Goodhue County in this elite group.

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December 31, 2024

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