PRESS RELEASE

COUNTY RECOGNIZED AS A NATIONAL TOP TEN LEADER
OF TECHNOLOGY FOR <u>ELEVEN</u> YEARS

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Rocky Mount, Virginia --- Franklin County officials today recognized the County for receiving another top ten national placement in the Annual Digital Counties Survey for communities with a population less than 150,000. Franklin County, at a population of roughly 56,000, competes with counties three times its size, and often competing with fewer resources. This is the <u>eleventh year</u> the County has placed in the nation's top ten annual ranking which recognizes leading examples of counties using information and communications technology.

The survey, conducted by the [Center for Digital Government (CDG)](#) in partnership with the [National Association of Counties (NACo),](#) identifies the best technology practices among U.S. counties, including initiatives that streamline delivery of government services, encourage open data, collaboration and shared services, enhance cybersecurity and contribute to disaster response and recovery efforts.

"Innovative counties are utilizing technology and data to better serve their citizens, respond quickly to citizen needs around COVID-19, and support digital experience initiatives," said Phil Bertolini, co-director, CDG. "The Center for Digital Government congratulates this year's winners for their hard work and their efforts to use technology to make government better."

"We applaud this year's Digital Counties Survey winners for maximizing the benefits of technology in serving our residents, especially during a time when technology has become even more instrumental in connecting people and places," said NACo Executive Director Matthew Chase. "The Digital Counties

Survey demonstrates how we embrace cutting-edge approaches to strengthening our communities and achieving healthy, safe and vibrant counties across America."

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Franklin County initially achieved a place in the top 10 Digital Counties Survey in 2009.

The 2020 top 10 winners in the **less than 150,000 population** were:

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1st Mono County, CA
2nd Albemarle County, VA
3rd County of Nevada, CA
4th Montgomery County, VA
5th Coconino County, AZ
6th Dodge County, WI
7th County of York, VA
8th Carver County, MN
9th Franklin County, VA
10th Vilas County, WI

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"To achieve and maintain a Top 10 National Ranking for eleven years in a population bracket that includes much larger counties speaks volumes about Franklin County's technology efforts to serve our citizens, we are honored to be recognized as a Digital Counties Survey winner in 2020", Leland Mitchell Chairman of the Franklin County Board of Supervisors.

For more information and details, please visit: https://www.govtech.com/dc/digital-counties/Digital-Counties-Survey-2020--Winners-Announced.html or http://www.franklincountyva.gov

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