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## **City Receives Distinguished Budget Presentation Award**

Salisbury\_North Carolina\_January 31 – Earlier this month, the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) announced that the City of Salisbury has received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. The City of Salisbury has received this award for 22 consecutive years.

This award represents a significant achievement by the City of Salisbury and reflects the commitment of the City and its staff in meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. To receive the budget award, the City had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as a budget document, a financial plan, an operations guide and as a communications device.

A Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation was awarded to Teresa P. Harris, the City's Financial Services Manager, who has served with the City of Salisbury for over 23 years.

Mrs. Harris states, "We are honored to receive this recognition. One of the City Council's top goals is strong financial performance and this recognition is a sign of our commitment to that goal. This honor wouldn't be possible without the City Council's direction and the hard work of the Financial Services team – I would like to thank them."

Over the past two years, the City of Salisbury has doubled its fund balance, has received two credit rating upgrades and is now a AA City under Standard and Poor's.

The Government Finance Officers Association is a nonprofit professional association servicing over 17,800 government finance professionals throughout North America. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.

*The City of Salisbury is an equal opportunity employer with over 180 different job classifications and more than 400 full time positions. For more information regarding the City of Salisbury and its services and departments, please visit us on the web at [www.salisburync.gov](http://www.salisburync.gov). To receive updates regarding local initiatives, meetings, programs and events, please follow us on Twitter at [www.salisburync.gov/twitter](http://www.salisburync.gov/twitter).*

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Mr. Douglas T. Paris  
City Manager  
City of Salisbury  
217 S. Main Street  
Salisbury, NC 28144

Dear Mr. Paris:

I am pleased to notify you that City of Salisbury, North Carolina has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the current budget from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and represents a significant achievement by your organization.

When a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is granted to an entity, a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation is also presented to the individual or department designated as being primarily responsible for its having achieved the award. This has been presented to:

**Teresa P. Harris, Financial Services Manager**

We hope you will arrange for a formal public presentation of the award, and that appropriate publicity will be given to this notable achievement. A press release is enclosed for your use.

We appreciate your participation in GFOA's Budget Awards Program. Through your example, we hope that other entities will be encouraged to achieve excellence in budgeting.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Gauthier, Director  
Technical Services Center

Enclosure