

Item Title: Recognition of Recent Award

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners recognizes recent award winners.

Item Summary:

Wake County Earns Top National Honors for Excellence in Technology

The Center for Digital Government (CDG) and the National Association of Counties (NACo) have named Wake County the number-one digital county of its size in the country in the 14th annual Digital Counties Survey.

According to the survey results, Wake County received the award for technological programs and practices that are strategically aligned with community goals, particularly in the areas of open data, governance and operations. The survey also commended "a community outreach and social media program that embodies the spirit of today's cutting-edge public-sector technology efforts."

Lauded as an open data pioneer, Wake County was recognized for its support of an open and transparent government that streamlines access to public data. In addition to the election, property, permitting and restaurant inspection data that has been available online for years, the county now provides on-demand digital access to a variety of other county data via its open data portal.

The Digital Counties Survey, conducted by CDG and the Digital Communities program in partnership with NACo, identifies the best technology practices among U.S. counties, including initiatives that:

- Save tax dollars through newfound efficiencies;
- Boost transparency, cybersecurity and engagement; or
- Innovate through unique and exciting projects.

Wake County finished in fourth place last year.

Wake County Wins Digital Innovation Award from N.C. Innovation Center

Wake County has also been recognized for excellence in Digital Innovation by the North Carolina Innovation Center. The first annual Innovation Awards aim to recognize forward-thinking leaders who are positively impacting the public sector through innovation in order to make government more effective, efficient and user-friendly for the citizens of North Carolina.

Governor Pat McCrory established the iCenter in 2013 to identify challenges, create solutions and transform the way state government delivers products and services.

A list of awards and recognitions can be found at wakegov.com/awards/Lists/Recognitions/AllItems.aspx.

Attachments:

None