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July 23, 2010 – Phoenix, AZ – Since 1972 the National Association of County Recorders, Elected Officials and Clerks (NACRC) has presented the *Public Official Of The Year* award to an outstanding member at the Installation and Awards Banquet during its Annual Conference.

On July 17, 2010 in Reno, Nevada where the conference was being held, Maricopa County Recorder, Helen Purcell, was presented the NACRC 2010 Public Official of the Year Award.

“Each year, the Public Official of the Year Award honors a person that has exemplified leadership, ingenuity and excellence in his or her office,” said Past President Mark Monicelli in his presentation remarks. “Excellence in government is a challenge in our ever-changing world. Delivering top quality service during good times is easy; only those with long-term vision are able to continue to deliver quality service in difficult or challenging times.”

Ms Purcell maintains a voter registration roll of over 1.8 million registered voters and is responsible for recording and maintaining, for permanent public record, 6,000-10,000 documents per day. Under her management, the county recorder’s office was the first in the nation to place its documents online for easier public access. She introduced, last March, the KIOSK for public use with the intent to have several key locations available to the public for recording documents in the county. She was the recipient of the County Board of Supervisors 2009 Chairman’s Elected Official Award “for her outstanding service and leadership.” Ms Purcell serves on several local boards, Kids Voting-Arizona, Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education, and Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic.

An affiliate of NACo (National Association of Counties) NACRC was founded in 1949 with 776 members from nearly every state across the country. It is a professional organization of elected and appointed county administrative officials who network on a national level to share information and ideas. Its objectives are to provide members opportunities to exchange ideas and information on a national level; provide continuing education, keep abreast of latest technologies, have a strong voice on Federal legislation affecting public offices, and provide needed answers.