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Lee Clerk receives national award by U.S. Department of State

FORT MYERS, FLA (March 8, 2019) – The Lee County Clerk of Court was honored on February 22 for its passports program by the U.S. Department of State with its Special Recognition Award. Representatives from the Clerk’s office accepted the prestigious award at the ceremony in Washington, D.C. The Clerk’s office was the only passport acceptance facility in Florida to be honored at the ceremony. Two other federal agencies were also recognized with the Special Recognition Award.



LtoR: Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs Karen Christensen, Lee Clerk Recording Manager Sharon Smith; Lee Clerk Recording Supervisor Vanessa Sowers; Deputy Assistant Secretary for Passport Services Rachel Arndt

“This honor is a reflection of our dedication to providing customers with quality passport services,” said Linda Doggett, Lee County Clerk of Court. “Our passport processing team did a wonderful job of boosting our program in recent years by bringing this much-needed service directly to our citizens.”

“We were very impressed with the number and variety of outreach events that your facility conducted to educate customers on applying for passports and international travel” said Rachel Arndt, Department of State representative. Representatives from the offices of Senator Marco Rubio and Congressman Francis Rooney were in attendance at the award ceremony.

The Clerk’s office actively partners with local universities and government agencies to educate citizens about passports. The Clerk recently began providing passport services at the Tax Collector’s Bonita Springs branch. In 2018, the Clerk’s office processed 8,961 passport applications.

The Special Recognition Award recognizes passport acceptance facilities and agents who have gone above and beyond in offering superior customer service or implemented innovative processes.

To learn more about applying for a passport or having the Clerk’s office participate in your local event, please visit leeclerk.org.

ABOUT THE CLERK’S OFFICE:

The Florida Constitution established the Clerk of the Circuit Court as a public trustee, responsible for safeguarding public records and public funds. Clerk Linda Doggett is directly elected by and accountable to Lee County residents. In addition to the role of Clerk of the Circuit Court, the Clerk is the County Recorder and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, and the Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Auditor for Lee County.