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County Receives Seven NACo Awards

(Santa Ana, CA) – Seven County of Orange programs were selected to receive a 2009 Achievement Award by the National Association of Counties (NACo). The annual Achievement Award Program recognizes innovative county government programs. The seven Orange County programs to receive the distinction are:

- Local History Traveling Exhibit and Curriculum Supplement (Clerk-Recorder) –
 Portable exhibitions that showcase Orange County's history and travels from
 classroom to classroom.
- Child Support Gateway Program (Child Support Services) A collection of innovative methods to improve the customer service experience and enable non-custodial parents to take an active role in their child support case.
- Southern California Fire Project (OC Community Resources) A collaborative effort in response to the Southern California Fires of October 2007 to provide clean-up and restoration of the fire affected public areas.
- Lives Worth Saving: An Alliance to Reduce Gang Violence (Probation Department) – A partnership between government agencies and the faith community to develop effective solutions and outreach to at-risk youth.
- Mission Possible (Probation Department) A program that assists females detained in Juvenile Hall in personal growth and promotes their successful transition into the community after release.
- Tracking Automated Graffiti Reporting System (Sheriff-Coroner) A
 clearinghouse created by the Sheriff's Department for law enforcement and
 public works officials that has resulted in increased graffiti related arrests,
 increased cost recovery and reduction of incidents.
- Electronic DNA Case Management and Evidence Batch Processing System (Sheriff-Coroner) – An electronic method to batch process DNA evidence, provide quality assurance, automate reports, and increase delivery of results to law enforcement.

"I am very proud of the innovation and dedication to service that is exhibited in these programs," said Chair Patricia C. Bates. "County departments and agencies have continued to find new and creative ways to better serve our community, in the face of difficult budget times."