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April 21, 2017

The Honorable Richard L. Francis  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
County of Southampton

Dallas O. Jones, Chairman Board of Supervisors  
County of Southampton

Audit Period: October 1, 2015 through March 31, 2017  
Court System: County of Southampton

We have audited the cash receipts and disbursements of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for this locality. Our primary objectives were to test the accuracy of financial transactions recorded on the Court's financial management system; evaluate the Court's internal controls; and test its compliance with significant state laws, regulations, and policies.

### **Management's Responsibility**

Court management has responsibility for establishing and maintaining internal controls and complying with applicable laws and regulations. Internal control is a process designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Deficiencies in internal controls could possibly lead to the loss of revenues or assets, or otherwise compromise fiscal accountability.

The Clerk has taken corrective action to remediate the internal control finding that we reported in the previous audit.

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We acknowledge the cooperation extended to us by the Court during this engagement.

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cc: The Honorable Carl Edward Eason, Jr., Chief Judge  
Michael W. Johnson, County Administrator  
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