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KARNES COUNTY JP RECEIVES TOP HONORS

KARNES COUNTY CELEBRATES NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

KARNES COUNTY--- Karnes County is excited to share that Karnes County Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Rachel Garcia, was selected as this year's Justice of the Peace and Constables Association (JPCA) Judge of the Year.

"I'm so proud of Judge Garcia," Karnes County Judge Wade Hedtke, said. "What a great representation for Karnes County," he added.

The Justices of the Peace and Constables Association of Texas each year recognizes outstanding performance of JPs to acknowledge their exemplary performance, commitment and dedication. Throughout the State, individuals are nominated by their peers and selected by a committee to be chosen as representative of the best of the best for each group.



To be selected as "JP of the Year" carries significant meaning due to the underlying substance of both the performance motivating their nomination and the process for selecting them.

"I had the pleasure to nominate Judge Garcia for this award and after going through a board review from applications all over the state she was selected for Judge of the year," JP Precinct 3, Trent Enriquez exclaimed. "This is an amazing accomplishment."

Enriquez added, "I nominated Judge Garcia for her hard work in serving as my mentor and being there for me and my office as we transitioned into this role in 2023. We need more people like

her in this industry to truly unite for our community. She continues to teach us to this day. We are beyond thankful for her support.”

This prestigious honor comes during a fitting month. April is National County Government Month (NCGM.) It is an annual celebration of county government.

This year's National County Government Month theme is consistent with National Association of Counties (NACo) President Mary Jo McGuire's focus for the year, **ForwardTogether**.

ForwardTogether is about connecting, inspiring and leading – pillars of county government that build trust and drive towards solutions.

Judge Garcia is a shining example of connecting, leading and inspiring; the very essence of being a pillar in the Karnes County community. Karnes County is very proud of her commitment, dedication, service and leadership.



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