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CLERK-RECORDER

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **O.C. LAUDS 6 MILLIONTH DOCUMENT RECORDED ELECTRONICALLY**

Orange County has electronically recorded its 6<sup>th</sup> millionth property document since 1997, the year the county launched a groundbreaking electronic recording system now available to counties statewide.

The landmark document, a grant deed submitted by Fidelity National Title, was electronically recorded at 8:39 a.m. today.

Orange County is a recognized national leader in electronic recording. Each year, nearly two-thirds of all property documents recorded locally are transmitted electronically by 150 authorized users—without a single known security breach.

In 2008, Orange County joined with Los Angeles, Riverside and San Diego counties to launch a multi-county electronic recording delivery system based on Orange County's successful model. Electronic recording allows title and escrow companies, financial institutions and others to record property documents electronically in multiple counties from a single computer screen. Sacramento, Santa Barbara and San Mateo counties also are partners in the multi-county system, known as SECURE.

Electronic transactions may seem passé now, but the change from paper to electronic in 1997 was revolutionary: Documents were processed in a matter of seconds that before took days to be hand-delivered, inspected and scanned. It was no longer necessary to re-type information from documents into separate data screens, reducing the possibility for human error. Rejected documents could be swiftly corrected and resubmitted. The resulting efficiencies in staff time produced other benefits, freeing employees to be redeployed elsewhere in the office so other service requests could be processed faster.

The Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department provides a variety of public services. The office issues marriage licenses; copies of birth, death and marriage certificates; handles passport applications, and performs civil wedding ceremonies. Fictitious Business Names and Notary Public oaths and bonds are handled by the Clerk-Recorder Department. The department also oversees the Orange County Archives.

The department has locations in downtown Santa Ana plus two branch offices in historic downtown Fullerton and the Laguna Hills Civic Center. Parking is free at the branch offices.

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