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## **CCI honors Arapahoe County Commissioner Nancy Sharpe** *Statewide county association recognizes Sharpe with its Commissioner of the Year Award*

**LITTLETON, CO** – Arapahoe County Commissioner Nancy Sharpe recently was honored by Colorado Counties Inc. with the organization’s Commissioner of the Year Award.

Every year, CCI recognizes the outstanding contribution by a commissioner to the statewide organization. The award is bestowed on a commissioner for his or her activities that were truly above and beyond the call of duty – a leader that spends additional time serving CCI and, in doing so, works for the good of all counties.

The Award was presented Nov. 29 to Sharpe and Mesa County Commissioner Rose Pugliese during the CCI Winter Conference in Colorado Springs.

Sharpe, who has been active in CCI since she was first elected to the Board of County Commissioners in 2011, including serving as chair of the Health and Human Services Steering Committee since 2014, was recognized for her work strengthening programs and services for children and families.

“You have proven to be a superstar as a county leader,” said Larimer County Commissioner Steve Johnson, the 2015 Commissioner of the Year, in presenting the award to Sharpe. “You have been a stalwart, our voice on the important issues surrounding human services. Your passion in that regard has been an inspiration to so many of us. Your involvement on so many boards and so many activities defies what one person should be able to do, but somehow, amazingly, you do it. You have won the respect and admiration of your peers.”

Sharpe is serving her second term representing District 2, which includes Centennial, Greenwood Village, a portion of Aurora and unincorporated central Arapahoe County. Prior to serving as Arapahoe County Commissioner, Sharpe was mayor of Greenwood Village.

In addition to her work through CCI, she serves on the Denver South Economic Development Board and will chair their Transportation Management Association in 2017. She also services on the Colorado Executive Leadership Council on Child Welfare, and is honorary chair of the IBM Smart Cities Taskforce to address homelessness. In July, she was appointed to chair the National Association of Counties Human Services and

Education Steering Committee, which pursues legislation to address a broad array of programs that support families and strengthen communities throughout the country.

In 2014, she partnered with 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney George Brauchler to start *Not One More Child in Arapahoe County*, a coalition of community partners who are working together to prevent child abuse and neglect in our county.

As Commissioner in 2016, Sharpe serves as the County's Financial Officer and oversees the Human Resources, Finance and Human Services departments. She served as Board Chair in 2012 and 2015. She has been recognized regionally and nationally for her leadership roles with the National Association of Counties, Denver Regional Council of Governments and the Metro Area County Commissioners.

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