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**Commissioner Frankie Edmondson Congratulates Wanda Smith
Virginia Outstanding Deputy Commissioner of the Revenue**

Wanda Smith, the Chief Deputy Commissioner of Operations for the Portsmouth, VA Commissioner of Revenue, has received the annual Outstanding Deputy Commissioner Award presented by the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia (CORVA). The award honors top deputies that have demonstrated an achievement or excellence that enhanced the operations of their local office and unselfishly given their time by working on behalf of the association.

In congratulating Chief Deputy Smith, Frankie Edmondson, Portsmouth's Commissioner of the Revenue, commented, "I am so proud of Wanda! She is a true example of the professionalism shared by the colleagues in our office, a role model, and an advocate for Portsmouth's businesses and citizens."

Chief Deputy Smith has worked with the Portsmouth office since 2011 and, prior to that, served in the Chesapeake Commissioner of the Revenue office from 1989 to 2011, cumulating over thirty years of service to the assessing profession.

Wanda is a member in good standing with CORVA, the Virginia Association of Assessing Officers, and the Virginia Association of Local Tax Auditors where she is serving her third year as President.

In 2011, she earned the Master Deputy Commissioner of the Revenue Designation from CORVA and has maintained it each year since that time. The designation is based on a rigorous, multi-step Career Development Program offered in conjunction with the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service.

In addition to her professional, work-related roles, Wanda is the immediate, past president of the Rotary Club of Churchland, a sustaining member of the Portsmouth Service League, and a former board member of the Children's Health Investment Program.

Perhaps Wanda's most important role though is being a super grandmother which keeps her busy!

About the Portsmouth Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue

The Commissioner of the Revenue serves as an elected constitutional officer and holds office as an agent for state and local government. The Portsmouth Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue is the city's chief assessment office and processes Business Licenses, Business Personal Property Accounts, Excise Tax Accounts, Personal Property Accounts, Residential Sales Permits and State Income Tax Returns annually.

The Portsmouth Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue maintains accreditation from the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia having consistently met association standards in exemplary customer service, established personnel and ethics policies, and fair and equitable assessment methods.

About the Portsmouth Commissioner of the Revenue

The Portsmouth Commissioner of the Revenue, Frankie Edmondson, was elected to office in 2005 and began service January 2006. He is a graduate of George Mason University and brings considerable experience in banking and finance to the position.

Frankie is a certified Master Commissioner having completed the Career Development Program offered through the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia, and maintains certification through ongoing completion of continuing education courses offered by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia.

Commissioner Edmondson is a past president of both the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia and the Virginia Association of Local Elected Constitutional Officers, and is a member of the International Association of Assessing Officers and the Virginia Association of Local Tax Auditors.