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**ORANGE COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER REACHES MILESTONE BY
SURPASSING 8 MILLION ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS**

(Santa Ana, Calif.) - This July, the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department reached a milestone in electronic recording history by surpassing 8.2 million electronically submitted and recorded documents. This milestone achievement maintains the department as a nationwide industry leader and is a testament to the department's commitment to bringing the residents of Orange County fast and efficient services.

The department reached its 7 millionth electronically submitted document back in September 2014. While recording real property documents electronically is a common service today, in 1997 Orange County changed the industry by implementing the first electronic recording delivery system in the nation. Current Orange County Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen was part of the team that implemented the first system.

"People thought that it wouldn't work," Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen said. "Many County Recorders in California couldn't envision how a secure electronic process could be implemented. We worked with title industry leaders, overcame legal barriers and created a secure electronic delivery system. The new process required legislative approval and a lengthy two year process to work with the State on regulations. In 1997, the Orange County system was the pilot program which proved the concept did work and formed the foundation for today's system guidelines and procedures."

Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen attributes much of the success to the vision of the late Gary Granville who was the Clerk-Recorder in 1997.

The electronic recording system has provided efficiencies by reducing delivery expenses and staff time. Currently the department records 64% of all documents submitted for recording electronically. In 2008, the department joined with Los Angeles, Riverside and San Diego Counties to implement the current electronic delivery system known as SECURE. This system allows title, escrow, financial and government institutions to record property documents electronically to multiple counties from one single computer screen.

For more information about the services provided by the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department or its convenient locations please visit: OCrecorder.com

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