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HEWETT APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

BALD HEAD ISLAND, N.C. – Finance Director Zachary Hewett was recently appointed to serve as President of the North Carolina Government Finance Officers Association (NCGFOA), a statewide organization that supports the public finance professionals responsible for managing taxpayer dollars across North Carolina.

NCGFOA provides its members training, promotes best practices and advocates on behalf of local government finance professionals. The Association works to help ensure taxpayer dollars are managed responsibly, financial reporting remains transparent and communities across the state maintain sound budgeting and financial practices.

As President, Hewett will now lead the Executive Committee and help guide the organization's overall direction. In this role, he will help guide the Association's operations, ensure the Board's priorities are carried out, and keep the organization focused on its mission. The President also plays a key governance role by making appointments and committee assignments that support NCGFOA's work and statewide partnerships.

"Serving as President of NCGFOA is an opportunity and privilege to help elevate the local government finance profession in North Carolina," Hewett said. "To me, it means stewarding an organization that strengthens public finance through professionalism, ethical leadership, and shared learning—so local governments can make sound decisions with the public's trust at the center. I'm grateful for the chance to work alongside outstanding finance leaders across the state, and I'm committed to elevating the tools, training, and collaboration that help our members deliver real value to the communities they serve."

Hewett previously served as City Manager of Randleman, North Carolina, and has served as the Village's Finance Director for the past five years. He has also held multiple leadership roles within NCGFOA—including Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President—serves on the Brunswick—more-

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Community College Board of Trustees and has been recognized with East Carolina University's 40 Under Forty Leadership Award and South Brunswick Magazine's Future 10 honors.

In addition to professional development and statewide advocacy, the NCGFOA partners with key groups including the UNC School of Government, the North Carolina League of Municipalities and the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

The Association also oversees the North Carolina Local Government Finance Officers' Certification Program, which raises professional standards through experience requirements, continuing education and multiple examinations in areas such as accounting, budgeting and financial management.

Hewett's appointment reflects the Village's ongoing commitment to excellence, accountability and strong financial stewardship that benefits islanders and strengthens trust in local government.

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