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**Carroll County Commissioner Steve Wantz Graduates
from Academy for Excellence in Local Governance**

Thursday, September 28, 2017, Westminster, MD – Commissioner Steve Wantz, District 1, graduated from the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance at the University of Maryland School of Public Policy Academy Fellows graduation ceremony, held on Sunday, September 24, in the University of Maryland Memorial Chapel.

Commissioner Wantz joined more than 90 public officials from across the state to receive an Academy certificate in the presence of family and friends. All Academy Fellows completed a substantial number of program hours, which included core and elective classes designed to meet their professional needs as municipal or county officials in local government. Through the program, Academy Fellows not only enhanced their understanding of local government issues and ethical standards for public service, but also developed a foundation for informed policy making and effective governance.

University of Maryland School of Public Policy Dean Robert C. Orr said, "The School is proud to recognize the efforts of these graduates. Their commitment to public service and to providing the best possible local government to people across the state is admirable."

Commissioner Steve Wantz said, "This professional development program greatly increased my knowledge as a government official. The curriculum was challenging and included topics such as risk management, county financial management, employment issues, ethics, open meetings and the Public Information Act. I thoroughly enjoyed working with officials from other jurisdictions and believe the program made me a stronger, more informed and effective leader for Carroll County."

The Academy, which offered its first classes in 1998, is a collaborative effort between the University of Maryland School of Public Policy, the Maryland Municipal League, the Maryland Association of Counties and the Local Government Insurance Trust.

The School of Public Policy is recognized as one of the country's premier programs in public policy and management. The School has more than 25 years of experience delivering acclaimed leadership development and public policy programs to public (federal, state and local) clients as well as for- and non-profit organizations and government agencies from abroad.

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