

## **News Release**

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### **Indiana Recorders Urge County Residents to “Make Property Fraud Protection Your New Year’s Resolution!”**

*Franklin, Indiana*—Indiana Recorders Association, Bartholomew County Recorder Tami Hines, Delaware County Recorder Jan Smoot, Fayette County Recorder Lisa Witt, Hamilton County Recorder Trini Beaver, Henry County Recorder Lisa Loveless, Johnson County Recorder Teresa Petro, Madison County Recorder Angie Abel, Marion County Recorder Faith Kimbrough, Monroe County Recorder Amy Swain, Shelby County Recorder Jessica Pile, Wayne County Recorder Debbie Tiemann, Allen County Recorder Nicole Keesling, Lake County Recorder Gina Pimental, and Starke County Recorder Mandy Thomason hosted a press conference at Johnson County Commissioners West Annex Auditorium, today to discuss the importance of Property Fraud Protection.

“Over 72,000 Indiana residents have signed up for the FREE Property Fraud Protection program that county Recorders offer. While that is a good number, we are hoping to increase it! We urge every single resident in the state to sign up for it.” Nicole Keesling, Allen County Recorder and Indiana Recorders Association Legislative Committee Chair.

“We want to take proactive steps to help protect the property of our residents. For most people, their property is the biggest investment they will ever make, and we as county recorders want to help you protect it”, said Johnson County Recorder Teresa Petro.

The threat of mortgage fraud and identity theft crimes continue to rise, and all too often victims of these types of fraudulent activities are unaware their homes or identity have been stolen. While Property Fraud Protection does not prevent fraud from happening, it provides an early warning system for property owners to take appropriate actions should they determine possible fraudulent activity has taken.

“Although this type of crime is rare in Indiana due to our Recording requirements and notary laws, it is on the rise nationwide, and we want to be proactive and help people have a piece of mind when it comes to the security of their property”, said Mandy Thomason, Starke County Recorder and Indiana Recorders Association President.

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