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THE HONORABLE DISTRICT JUDGES AND THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS COURT:

Gentlemen:

In compliance with the statutory duties of the County Auditor as prescribed by Section 114.025 of the Local Government Code of the State of Texas, the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of Johnson County, Texas, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014, is submitted herewith. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the presented data, and the completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the County. This report has been prepared using generally accepted accounting principles and guidelines promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have endeavored to conform substantially to the high standards of public financial reporting as recommended by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the enclosed data is accurate in all material respects and is reported in a manner designed to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the various funds and account groups of the County. All disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an understanding of the County's financial activities have been included.

The County is required to undergo an annual single audit in conformity with the provisions of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and U. S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, <u>Audits of States, Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations</u>. Information related to this single audit, including the Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance, Findings and Recommendations, and the independent auditors' reports of the internal control structure and compliance with applicable laws and regulations are included in the single audit section of this report.

In developing the County's accounting system, consideration is given to the adequacy of internal accounting controls. Internal controls are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance regarding (1) the safeguarding of assets against loss from unauthorized use or disposition; and (2) the reliability of financial records for preparing financial statements and maintaining accountability for assets. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes (1) the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits derived; and (2) the evaluation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management.