## **News Release**

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## <u>Indiana Recorders Urge County Residents to "Make Property Fraud Protection Your New Year's Resolution!"</u>

Brazil, Indiana- Indiana Recorders Association, Clay County Recorder Nichole Keller, Sullivan County Recorder Christy Knotts, Owen County Recorder Loretta Foster, Hendricks County Recorder Laura Herzog, Allen County Recorder Nicole Keesling, and Starke County Recorder Mandy Thomason hosted a press conference at the Clay County Courthouse to discuss the importance of Property Fraud Protection.

Over 65,000 Indiana Residents have signed up for the Free Property Fraud Protection program that county Recorders offer with 377,000 alerts having been sent out in 2023 to Indiana property owners who are signed up in the system. "While that is a good number, we are hoping to increase it! We urge every single property owner in the state to sign up for it." Nicole Keesling, Allen County Recorder and Indiana Recorders Association Legislative Committee Chair.

Property owners need to be proactive in protecting what is most likely one of the largest investments they will ever make. County Recorders have the ability to help people sign up for this Free Service and it only takes a few minutes. There is multi-lingual support, and you can be alerted by Phone, Email and/or Text. It is a simple matter of entering your name and contact information.

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 place.

Make the call today or stop by your local Recorder's Office and sign up!

