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**U.S. Chamber Awards Greater North Fulton Chamber with 5-Star Accreditation**

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has awarded the Greater North Fulton Chamber with its highest designation of Accredited with 5 Stars for its sound policies, effective organizational procedures, and positive impact on the community.

"The Greater North Fulton Chamber receiving this accreditation is truly an acknowledgement of their excellent work," said Raymond P. Towle, U.S. Chamber VP of Federation Relations and Institute for Organization Management. "Accredited chambers are recognized for their ability to serve as a resource to their region's businesses while maintaining transparent governance practices, sound financial controls, safe work environments, effective communications, and value in programming. They are commended for their continued advocacy of free enterprise and for this tremendous accomplishment."

The purpose of the U.S. Chamber's Accreditation Program is to facilitate excellence in the chamber industry and to foster a pro-business environment across America. In order to receive Accreditation, a chamber must meet standards in their operations and programs, including areas of governance, government affairs, communications, and technology. This extensive self-review can take 6-9 months to complete. Local chambers are rated Accredited, 3-Stars, 4-Stars, or 5-Stars. The final determination is made by the Accrediting Board, a committee of U.S. Chamber board members.

"I am so proud of the Chamber team who works incredibly hard and is so dedicated to our members across North Fulton," said GNFCC CEO Kali Boatright. "Only one percent of Chambers in the country currently hold a 5-star accreditation, the highest honor awarded."

GNFCC Chair of the Board Lindsey Petrini added, "The Board is so proud of our Chamber's success and all the team has done for our 1200 members. The accomplishment was made all the more special as we were awarded a perfect score in Governance, Human Resources, Program Development, Technology and Facilities."

**About the GNFCC**

*The Greater North Fulton Chamber of Commerce is a private, nonprofit, member-driven organization comprised of more than 1200 businesses and organizations. As a regional chamber, its service area includes Alpharetta, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park, Roswell and Sandy Springs. GNFCC is the leading voice on economic development, business growth and quality of life issues in North Fulton County.*

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