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U.S. Chamber Renews Martinsville-Henry County Chamber's Five-Star Accreditation

Martinsville, VA (March 18, 2019) The United States Chamber of Commerce renewed the Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce's Five-Star Accreditation for its sound policies, effective organizational procedures, and positive impact on the community.

Accreditation is the only national program that recognizes chambers for their effective organizational procedures and community involvement. In order to receive Accreditation, a chamber must meet minimum standards in their operations and programs, including areas of governance, government affairs, and technology. This extensive self-review can take 6-9 months to complete.

"This designation for the Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce is significant to our organization as less than 2% of local chambers in the country are accredited at the five-star level," said Lisa Watkins, president of the Martinsville-Henry County Chamber. She added, "we are extremely proud to serve our members as one of three local chambers in the Commonwealth of Virginia with this rating."

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.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business federation representing the interests of more than 3 million businesses of all sizes, sectors, and regions, as well as state and local chambers and industry associations.

The Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce's mission is to foster an environment where business can be created and flourish.

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