

ELIZABETH A. PEARCE
STATE TREASURER



UNCLAIMED PROPERTY DIVISION
TEL: (802) 828-2407

RETIREMENT DIVISION
TEL: (802) 828-2305
FAX: (802) 828-5182

ACCOUNTING DIVISION
TEL: (802) 828-2301
FAX: (802) 828-2884

STATE OF VERMONT
OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER

For Immediate Release—October 11, 2013

Press Contacts: Beth Pearce (802) 828-1452 or Lisa Helme (802) 828-3706

State Treasurer Pearce Recognized for Work at the State and National Levels

MONTPELIER, Vt.—State Treasurer Beth Pearce was recently recognized at both the state and national levels for her service and work within state government.

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns presented Pearce with the Town Government Award at their annual Town Fair. She was recognized for her focused concern for the welfare of stricken Vermont municipalities as they recovered from Tropical Storm Irene and more recent storms this summer. In granting the award, the league highlighted work by Pearce in 2011 and in 2012 to develop a financial assistance package to ease municipal financial stress during storm recovery efforts. The State provided for the advance of millions of dollars to towns for town highway aid, current use, education payments, and payment in lieu of taxes, at the same time deferring some education payments due the state. This summer the Treasurer's office and Administration reinstated advance of payments programs subsequent to storms and flooding.

The league also recognized her work in the disbursement of Title III funds to towns with Green Mountain National Forest land within their borders for emergency service expenses stemming from the 2011 flood damage.

The National Association of State Treasurers awarded Pearce with the Harlan Boyles-Edward T. Alter Distinguished Service Award at their annual conference. She was chosen by members of the NAST Executive Committee to receive the award, which is presented to dedicated public servants whose outstanding career in government has provided a respected voice for NAST at all levels of state government.

"Treasurer Pearce has been a passionate and tireless advocate for NAST and for the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators," said NAST President and Virginia State Treasurer Manju Ganeriwala. "She has taken on many responsibilities and roles in the last few years."

Pearce serves on the NAST Executive Committee and as the regional vice president for the east region. She also serves as president of NAUPA.