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Texas Association of Counties Welcomes Gov. Abbott's Call for Expanding Broadband Internet Access

AUSTIN —The following statement on Gov. Greg Abbott designating broadband internet expansion an emergency legislative item may be attributed to Texas Association of Counties Executive Director Susan M. Redford:

“The Texas Association of Counties applauds Gov. Greg Abbott for his leadership in designating expansion of broadband internet access as an emergency item in this legislative session. As the governor noted in his State of the State address, broadband is no longer a luxury. It is an essential tool. That tool – which is critical to our state’s economic development, telemedicine delivery and public education – must be more readily available in every part of our state.

“Over the past year, Texans in both urban and rural counties have come to learn the importance of reliable broadband access as both a resource and lifeline. County officials statewide look forward to working with Gov. Abbott and members of the Texas Legislature on an issue that is critical to all Texans.”

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The Texas Association of Counties was established in 1969 to provide services to Texas counties and to promote the value of county government statewide. TAC is the representative voice for all 254 Texas counties and county officials.