

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF _____, TEXAS REGARDING DEPENDABLE,
AFFORDABLE, BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS.

WHEREAS, the City of _____, Texas is committed to working with local school districts, State education agencies, and City and State legislators to ensure that its residents are provided with the highest quality of education and educational opportunities possible in order to increase the odds of success after graduation; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, our City became intimately aware of the fact that not all school districts, homes, districts, homes, and businesses have the same access to an adequate and reliable internet connection; and

WHEREAS no student should be placed at a disadvantage in academic performance or assessment due solely to geographic location and/or because their family cannot afford an adequate and reliable internet connection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of _____, Texas hereby adopts the recitals above as findings of fact.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of _____, Texas joins the Texas Rural Broadband Coalition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, on behalf of our community, the City of _____, Texas requests that Governor Gregg Abbott, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, Speaker of the House Dade Phelan, all members of the 87th Texas Legislature, and the Texas Education Agency act promptly to create a statewide broadband internet service plan to ensure equitable and affordable opportunities for rural students to access fully the benefits and privileges of the Texas public school system without regard to geographic location and/or insufficient or lacking internet access. We appreciate that our Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker, and other legislators have made broadband a priority this session. We will support the initiative to get reliable internet service to rural Texas.

Adopted this the ___ day of _____ 2021 by the City of _____, Texas.

Board President

Board Secretary