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8 URGING COUNTY OFFICIALS TO DESIGNATE ONE PERSON IN
9 EACH COUNTY AS A CONTACT REGARDING BROADBAND ISSUES.
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11 WHEREAS, the Alabama Broadband Accessibility Act,
12 Senate Bill 149, was passed on March 20, 2018; it is designed
13 to encourage accelerated private investment in broadband
14 infrastructure to increase the availability of high-speed
15 broadband services to unserved rural areas in Alabama; and

16 WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Economic and
17 Community Affairs (ADECA) will establish and administer the
18 broadband accessibility grant program and report progress
19 toward increased access to broadband services; and

20 WHEREAS, to promote and implement this program,
21 communication between ADECA and local governing entities is
22 critical; one point of contact in each county will improve
23 continuity and efficiency; now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the county commission of each
26 county in Alabama is encouraged to appoint a single point of

1 contact for purposes of communicating and coordinating
2 broadband issues with ADECA.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each county shall notify
4 ADECA of the name of the county broadband contact within 60
5 days after the Alabama Broadband Accessibility Act becomes
6 law.