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Lt. Gov. Crouch, Indiana Broadband Office designates Montgomery County as a Broadband Ready Community

INDIANAPOLIS (June 8, 2021) – Today, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Broadband Office announced Montgomery County is now designated as an official Broadband Ready Community. The Broadband Ready Communities Program was created as a tool to encourage broadband development throughout Indiana.

“Our goal in becoming a broadband ready county is to let service providers know that we want to work with them to accelerate high-speed internet access across our entire county,” says Commissioner John Frey. “As part of the WHIN region, we have new and creative possibilities to light up areas that have been hard to serve. Our BBRC resolution will help close those gaps more quickly.”

The Broadband Ready Community certification sends a signal to the telecommunication industry that a community has taken steps to reduce barriers to broadband infrastructure investment.

“The Indiana Broadband Office and I are excited to have another Hoosier community take the necessary steps to receive the Broadband Ready Community certification,” Crouch said. “This news comes at a great time as Indiana further invests in expanding broadband infrastructure with a new law that allocates another \$250 million to increasing high-speed, reliable internet opportunities.”

The certification was approved by the Indiana Broadband Office following the Montgomery County Commissioners adoption of a Broadband Ready Community ordinance.

According to Scott Rudd, Director of the Indiana Broadband Office, there are now more than 45 Indiana communities with the Broadband Ready designation.

“We applaud Montgomery County for taking these steps to bring affordable and reliable broadband access to their residents,” Rudd said. “Through asset mapping, community engagement and provider relationships Montgomery County should be commended for its commitment to broadband development, and the Broadband Ready Community designation further illustrates that commitment.”

Via 2020 legislation, the Broadband Ready Community Program was transitioned from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation ([IEDC](#)) to the Office of Community and Rural Affairs ([OCRA](#)). [IBO](#) began the day-to-day management of the Broadband Ready Community Program on July 1, 2020. For more information, visit in.gov/indianabroadband.

Under the leadership of [Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch](#), who also serves as the Secretary of Rural Development, the Indiana Broadband Office's (IBO) mission is to assist residents in need of affordable and reliable broadband connectivity. This mission of reaching Hoosiers where they live, work and play is accomplished by communicating with stakeholders, providing resources to a diverse audience, and leveraging established relationships with elected officials, associations, and providers. For more information, visit in.gov/broadband.