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Lt. Gov. Crouch, Indiana Broadband Office designate the City of New Haven as a Broadband Ready Community

INDIANAPOLIS (Aug. 30, 2021) – Today, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Broadband Office announced the City of New Haven 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.

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.

"Our administration remains focused on getting high-speed, reliable internet service to unserved and underserved Hoosiers. Congratulations to the City of New Haven as it joins 50 other Indiana communities that are now broadband ready and looking to attract this critical investment," Crouch said. "New Haven's designation comes at a great time as Indiana further invests in expanding broadband infrastructure with \$270 million available in funding through our Next Level Connections Broadband grant program".

The certification was approved by the Indiana Broadband Office following the adoption of a Broadband Ready Community ordinance by the New Haven City Council.

"The City of New Haven is excited to be a designated Broadband Ready Community," said Mayor Steve McMichael. "This move should help fill in the gaps of broadband service supporting the underserved areas."

According to Scott Rudd, Director of the Indiana Broadband Office, communities are passing Broadband Ready ordinances faster than ever.

"Adding the City of New Haven to this growing list shows that cities and towns of all sizes can do big things. We applaud the city leadership for recognizing the importance of affordable and reliable broadband access for all," Rudd said.

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 (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.