

**PROCLAMATION
DIGITAL INCLUSION MONTH**

MOORE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, access to adequate and affordable internet represents critical infrastructure for Moore County residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Moore County Board of Commissioners has established the Moore County Digital Inclusion Task Force to determine where broadband infrastructure is needed to benefit the greatest population; communicate and market options for affordable internet service opportunities; and determine how to increase digital literacy in the county; and

WHEREAS, the Moore County Digital Inclusion Task Force urges all residents of Moore County to complete the North Carolina Broadband Survey to gather information on locations without adequate internet access and speeds; and

WHEREAS, information gathered using the survey will be used to provide context to the state's broadband picture, guide funding opportunities through North Carolina's Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology (GREAT) grant program, inform research and policy recommendations, and support strategic targeting of additional funding channels; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Broadband Survey can be completed online at <https://ncbroadband.gov/survey> or by phone at 919-750-0553.

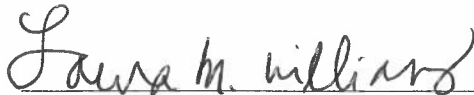
NOW THEREFORE, the Moore County Board of Commissioners declares December 2021 as Digital Inclusion Month in Moore County and urges all the people of Moore County to complete the five-minute NC Broadband Survey to help facilitate expansion of broadband throughout Moore County.

This 16th day of November 2021.



Frank Quis, Chairman

ATTEST:


Laura M. Williams, Clerk to the Board

