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## **City encourages residents to participate in state broadband survey**

**Rocky Mount, N.C.** – The city of Rocky Mount is committed to ensuring equitable broadband access for its residents, business community and visitors. One step toward improving adequate internet access and speeds is to take part in the North Carolina Broadband survey, which is available at [www.ncbroadband.gov](http://www.ncbroadband.gov). The survey takes less than five minutes to complete and will aid in:

- Providing clear data to guide investment of funds through the state’s Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology grant program
- Inform research and policy recommendations
- Support strategic targeting of additional funding streams

The city of Rocky Mount, along with local business and investment leaders, recently sent an editorial to media outlets expressing its support for Senate Bill 547, which would enable the state’s local governments to build publicly owned, citywide networks that can provide reliable broadband service to its residents and businesses.

“Equitable broadband access for our community is long overdue,” City Manager Rochelle Small-Toney said. “Our expectation is that participating in this important survey will amplify the voices of our community who desperately are in need of faster and more reliable internet speeds.”

**About Rocky Mount:** The city of Rocky Mount, located in the Coastal Plains of North Carolina, was incorporated in 1867 and lies in Edgecombe and Nash Counties. Rocky Mount is a two-time All-America City on the Tar River. Serving as the Gateway to Eastern North Carolina, the city's 875 employees serve approximately 58,000 residents daily.

The city's mission is to advance community well-being, safety and quality of life by delivering excellent public services and actively collaborating with the community towards a fulfilling and inspired future for its citizens. As a publicly-owned utility, the city of Rocky Mount is committed to safe, reliable service for its customers and operates in Nash and Edgecombe counties, providing customers with electricity, natural gas, water, wastewater (sewer), refuse,

recycling and/or stormwater services. To learn more, visit [www.rockymountnc.gov](http://www.rockymountnc.gov) for news and updates.

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