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HCTC is Recognized by the FCC for Going Above and Beyond the FCC's "Keep Americans Connected Pledge"

INGRAM, TX – April 20, 2020 (PRWeb) – HCTC, headquartered in Ingram, Texas, announced today that they have been recognized by the FCC for going above and beyond the FCC's pledge to "Keep Americans Connected" during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

As the primary Internet provider to communities spread over 15 counties and 3,000 square miles across rural Central Texas, HCTC is standing with the state of Texas, local and county officials, and the FCC to go above and beyond the FCC's "Keep Americans Connected Pledge" to provide Internet to Texans in need within HCTC's service areas.

"In these uncertain times, we want to let our customers know that we're working hard around the clock to keep them connected. HCTC was one of the first carriers nationwide to adopt the FCC's 'Keep Americans Connected Pledge' to ensure all of our customers stay connected during the COVID-19 pandemic, and we are now honored to be <u>recognized by the FCC</u>* for our commitment of going above and beyond that pledge," states Craig Cook, Chief Executive Officer of HCTC.

"We have proactively reached out to all the school districts we serve in 15 counties across Texas, in an effort to identify students and teachers in need of Internet service. We are providing Internet service free of charge through the remainder of the school year to those in need. HCTC is providing connectivity to many who have never had it, and we are investing many thousands of dollars in our communities to make this happen," states Cook. "Finally, anyone in need of extra levels of service during this time who cannot afford it will be assisted."

HCTC is proud to provide essential services to businesses, schools, hospitals, universities, and individuals all across the great state of Texas. "We are committed to help Texans #StayHome. While HCTC's primary concern remains the health and safety of our employees and customers, we are doing our part to ensure continuity of service so that our customers can rely on us to remain connected with family, friends, work, and educators, as we go through these uncharted waters together," states Cook.

About HCTC

Headquartered in Ingram, Texas, HCTC was established in February of 1951 as a telephone cooperative dedicated to serving the telecommunications needs of residents in rural central Texas. Through the years, HCTC has evolved as the preferred provider for fiber Internet, telephone, security, data storage, and business technology solutions for both residential and business customers. HCTC currently serves almost 12,000 customers across 15 counties, spanning nearly 3,000 square miles. Further information may be found online. Additional information about HCTC is available via our YouTube channel, on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

^{*} FCC listed HCTC as "Hill Country" on their website.