

**RESOLUTION 2023-08**

**WHEREAS** high-speed internet access, or broadband, is essential in our increasingly digital world; and

**WHEREAS** the City recognizes that broadband networks enhance economic, educational, and healthcare outcomes; and

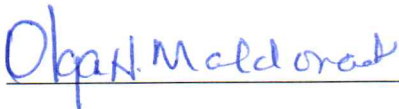
**WHEREAS** the City acknowledges that too many Texans still lack access to the broadband connections required to fully participate in and benefit from today's educational, professional, economic, and civic opportunities; and

**WHEREAS** the City understands that building, maintaining and operating broadband networks is extremely expensive, especially in non-metro and hard to reach areas, and that closing the digital divide will require the public and private sectors working together; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City encourages the Texas Legislature to direct state funds toward broadband deployment to ensure that all Texans have the connectivity they need to succeed in today's society.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2023.**

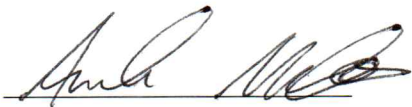
APPROVED:



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Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Amanda Morales, City Secretary