

CSAC DRAFT LANGUAGE – BROADBAND PLATFORM (As Approved)

To Amend CSAC Platform Chapter Five “Government Operations” and insert:

Section 7: BROADBAND

Counties support the expansion of broadband (high speed internet service) to all parts of the State to drive economic development and job opportunities, support county service delivery, and improve health, education, and public safety outcomes for residents.

Broadband must be capable of supporting current technology standards and speeds in order for counties to realize these benefits. This may require infrastructure solutions specific to a given county or region.

Access and adoption are both necessary elements that should be supported in state and federal legislative or regulatory proposals. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Establishing and maintaining reliable broadband in unserved or underserved communities;
- Promoting the knowledge, skills and behaviors that comprise digital literacy;
- Making broadband affordable for all households;
- Maximizing funding for infrastructure; and
- Reducing infrastructure deployment barriers.