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RURAL BROADBAND EFFORT PARTNERS WITH TVA TO PROVIDE DISCOUNTED HIGH-SPEED INTERNET INSTALLATION

May 31, 2022 (Bowling Green, KY) Warren RECC and telecom partner NCTC are proud to announce that they have partnered with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) to help defray the cost of installing and maintaining high-speed internet access for Warren RECC members that qualify for the FCC Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). Through this partnership, Warren RECC and NCTC will add to the benefits of the ACP in the Warren RECC territory by providing \$100 credit toward drop and installation costs to eligible members. NCTC is already a qualified provider under the FCC program, which provides up to \$30/month discount for broadband services and a one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or a tablet.

“In 2019, we began our partnership with NCTC, and we are proud of what we have been able to accomplish toward closing the digital divide in the Warren RECC service territory in that time. Today, we are excited for the opportunity these additional funds will bring to our membership by reducing some of the barriers to entry for our low-income members. We are truly thankful to TVA for their partnership in this effort,” said Dewayne McDonald, President and CEO of Warren RECC.

“The past two years have shown us that high speed internet is no longer optional, but a true necessity. We have been amazed to see the demand in Warren County and have been happy to partner with Warren RECC to help families and businesses succeed in this new era. Now, with help from TVA, we are able to make high speed internet even more accessible to many Warren County residents,” said Johnny McClanahan, President and CEO of NCTC.

Funding through the Warren RECC/NCTC partnership will be matched by TVA's COVID-19 Community Care Fund which helps local power companies meet immediate needs in their communities by providing matching funds for local initiatives addressing hardships created by this pandemic.

"Access to broadband and technology is critical for success in the modern-day world, and this partnership will help close the gap for Warren RECC customers," said Jeannette Mills, TVA executive vice president and chief external relations officer. "This announcement demonstrates the strength of our community energy model's ability to quickly deliver needed solutions while helping ease the burdens on families and communities."

For additional information about Warren RECC, visit www.wrecc.com. For more additional information about NCTC, visit www.nctc.com. For additional information about TVA, visit www.tva.gov.

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