



Resolution

ENCOURAGING FURTHER DISCUSSION ABOUT THE COUNTY COMMISSION'S ROLE IN ENHANCING STRATEGIC AND PRODUCTIVE GROWTH IN ALABAMA'S UNINCORPORATED AREAS

WHEREAS, the artificial intelligence technology boom has resulted in new data centers being constructed all over the United States; and

WHEREAS, some local governments in other parts of the country have imposed temporary moratoria on the construction of new data centers within their respective jurisdictions so that these local governments may solicit public input, assess the potential impact of these data centers on residents' quality of life, and modify their planning and zoning regulations as they deem appropriate; and

WHEREAS, a handful of municipalities in Alabama have imposed temporary moratoria on data center construction while they review their planning and zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS, many Alabamians have called upon their county commissions to impose similar temporary moratoria in unincorporated areas of our state, or to ban the construction of data centers altogether; and

WHEREAS, the recent controversy over the location of data centers comes on the heels of similar cries from citizens opposed to the location of facilities producing solar power in rural Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's county commissions are prohibited from exercising powers not delegated by the Alabama Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of county commissions in Alabama have not been granted comprehensive planning and zoning authority and, therefore, cannot issue temporary moratoria on the construction of data centers or solar power facilities or otherwise regulate or restrict the utilization of land for such purposes; and

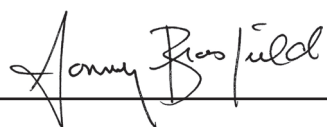
WHEREAS, the Association believes the granting of planning and zoning authority for one specific industry raises practical and legal concerns that require careful research and analysis before any such actions are taken.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONS OF ALABAMA that the Association opposes the granting of targeted, industry-specific planning and zoning authority to Alabama's county commissions and, in the alternative, encourages a more comprehensive approach to enhance the county commission's role in strategic and productive growth in Alabama's unincorporated areas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Association has caused this resolution to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its President and Executive Director and has caused its corporate seal to be impressed thereon, all on this 20th day of August, 2026.




President, ACCA


Executive Director, ACCA