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Op-Ed: Celebrating the Strength and Service of Texas Counties

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April is National County Government Month, a time to recognize the work counties do for Texans every day.

In our 254 counties, government isn't some distant idea. It shows up in daily life. It's the road you drive to work, the court that handles local cases, the elections in which you vote, the records that document your life's milestones and the first responders who pick up the phone when something goes wrong, no matter what the hour.

Counties are the backbone of how Texas runs. And behind the work that counties do are people with stories.

That's why the Texas Association of Counties recently launched [Texas County Storytellers](#). The goal of this multimedia initiative is simple: Highlight the real-world experiences of county officials and employees across the state. Because county government isn't abstract. It's where public service becomes personal.

Our [first featured story](#) comes from the Eagle Ford Shale. There, county leaders were dealing with serious road damage caused by heavy energy-sector traffic. They found a solution in working together as a region to secure state funding to help them repair and protect their roads.

Theirs is a powerful and practical example of how county government confronts real problems responsively, creatively and with the community in mind.

Stories like that are happening all the time, in counties big and small. They may not grab headlines, but they make a real difference in people's lives.

What stands out most about county government isn't just the range of responsibilities. It's the people doing the work. County officials and employees understand local needs because they share them. They are neighbors serving neighbors.

National County Government Month gives us a moment to recognize that effort. It's a chance to appreciate the people who keep things running, often without much attention.

Every Texas county has a story, and a legacy of service worth celebrating. This month is a good reminder to notice them, and to recognize the commitment and care behind the work.

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