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### **TLTA Awarded Texas Historical Commission Governor's Award for Historic Preservation**

*Texas Governor Greg Abbott presented award at special ceremony*

AUSTIN, TX (October 10, 2016) – The Texas Land Title Association (TLTA), one of the state's oldest trade associations, has been awarded the 2015 Texas Historical Commission (THC) Governor's Award for Historic Preservation for its work with the agency's award-winning Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program (THCPP) since 2005. TLTA received the award at a special ceremony conducted by Texas Governor Greg Abbott.

This prestigious award recognizes TLTA's support for the preservation and conservation of Texas' historic courthouses. As guardians of property records, Texas courthouses have long been associated with title companies that can be found in courthouse squares across Texas.

"The Texas Courthouse Stewardship Program is a key component of the Texas Historical Commission's work across the state, and we greatly appreciate all of the support we've received from TLTA over the last decade," said John Nau, III, chairman of the Texas Historical Commission. "I would like to extend a heartfelt congratulations and gratitude for TLTA's invaluable partnership, support and contributions to historic preservation in Texas."

In addition to saving important landmarks, the Texas Historical Commission's THCPP provides many benefits to Texas communities. Restored historic courthouses have proven to be an economic booster for counties, providing increased safety, accessibility, energy efficiency, heritage tourism and more.

"County courthouses are the cornerstones of our communities, and the Texas Land Title Association is proud to be part of ensuring they are preserved and maintained so generations of Texans can use and enjoy them," said Leslie Midgley, Executive Vice President and CEO of TLTA. "The Texas Historical Commission is a vital agency and as we enter the eleventh year of our partnership with them, we are honored to receive this prestigious award."

To date, THCPP has funded the restoration of 67 Texas courthouses, and another 26 courthouses have received emergency or planning grants to complete small projects.



### **About Texas Historical Commission Courthouse Stewardship Program**

Since the 1970s, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) has taken an active role in the preservation of county courthouses. In 2005, THC asked TLTA to support the Texas Courthouse Stewardship initiative, a training and technical program designed to promote the ongoing, regular maintenance of Texas' historic county courthouses. The stewardship program consists of site visits and technical assistance by THC architects, annual statewide and frequent regional training workshops for county judges and maintenance staff to address issues like inspecting the exterior building envelope, identifying mechanical malfunctions and budgeting for maintenance. The land title industry has a long and symbolic relationship with the county courthouses, so it seemed only natural to support this endeavor.

### **About TLTA**

Founded in 1908 and serving more than 13,000 professionals, the Texas Land Title Association is a statewide trade association representing the land title industry in Texas. TLTA members protect the property rights of Texans and provide peace of mind in real estate transactions. They bring certainty, efficiency and security by researching titles, safely conducting closings and issuing title insurance to protect real property owners and mortgage lenders against losses from defects in titles. For more information about TLTA, visit [www.tlta.com](http://www.tlta.com).

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