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Mobichairs help open South Padre Island beaches to all *GLO rewards town's commitment to beach access with surf-ready wheelchairs*

AUSTIN — Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson will declare South Padre Island beaches the most accessible in Texas and present the town with four new surf-ready wheelchairs at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 3.

The celebration of beach access and demonstration of the chairs will take place on the beach, at Public Beach Access Point #14.

“The Town of South Padre Island’s efforts to make the beaches accessible for all show real Texas hospitality,” Patterson said. “These new Mobichairs will be the perfect compliment to all the other improvements they’ve made here that make this the most accessible beach in all of Texas.”

Dune walk-overs big enough for a wheelchair and special mats that make sand easy to navigate are important considerations to ensure that the good times in South Padre Island can be had by all, said Mayor Robert Pinkerton Jr. “The beaches here are our bread-and-butter,” Pinkerton said. “We want to make sure that no one is left out.”

Amphibious wheelchairs like the ones awarded to South Padre Island will eventually be distributed to all of the top tourist beaches in Texas, thanks to money made available by the Texas General Land Office, Patterson said.

Mobichairs can roll across the sand and even float in the surf. “These chairs, when combined with everything else South Padre Island has already done, really open up the beach for anyone with special needs,” Patterson said.

WHO: Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson
WHAT: Presenting South Padre Island with four amphibious wheelchairs
WHEN: 10 a.m. Thursday, September 3
WHERE: 4100 Gulf Boulevard, South Padre Island
WHY: Awarding South Padre Island’s efforts to make the beaches accessible for all

For more information on public beach access in Texas, visit www.TexasBeachAccess.org

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