



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN GOLDEN STATE CONNECT AUTHORITY (GSCA) AND COUNTY OF NEVADA REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has identified broadband expansion within Nevada County as an annual objective and a priority for multiple years; and

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada (County) has an active staff broadband team, has developed a broadband strategy plan, and has been working with Sierra Business Council on countywide broadband strategies; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has allocated 75 million dollars for highspeed wireline broadband last mile projects in Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) is a Joint Powers Authority organized and existing under Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 6500) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code. Under that certain Golden State Connect Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, GSCA is authorized to establish and operate programs and projects to facilitate the provision and expansion of broadband internet access service in rural communities, and to acquire, construct, improve, and maintain broadband infrastructure and operate broadband internet access service; and

WHEREAS, the County is a political subdivision of the State of California, and a full member of GSCA which is authorized to acquire, construct, improve, and maintain broadband infrastructure and operate broadband internet access service under Government Code section 26231; and

WHEREAS, GSCA proposes to finance, construct, own, and operate an open access broadband internet access service network, in the same manner as a municipal utility and portion of the proposed network will be located within the unincorporated area of Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to promote and facilitate the construction and operation of GSCA's proposed network, which will serve the public purposes of the County, and provide significant benefits for Nevada County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, authorizes the Chair of the Board to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Golden State Connect Authority (Attachment 1) which grants them a license to construct, improve, operate, and maintain fiber-optic lines and other broadband infrastructure in unincorporated areas of Nevada County.