



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AND PROMOTE LOCAL BROADBAND EXPANSION, ACCESS AND USAGE IN NEVADA COUNTY

WHEREAS, deploying broadband networks and advanced communication services throughout Nevada County will enable continued improvements in community anchor institutions of healthcare, public safety, schools, colleges, libraries, community support organizations, businesses and social-networking for the public interest; and

WHEREAS, a technology-neutral open-access approach to broadband deployment will encourage lower prices, creation of more local consumer choices and a sustainable adoption of broadband service; and

WHEREAS, advanced communication services have become central to the financial health of our County as these services have increased individual worker productivity and connected Nevada County businesses to larger statewide, national and international markets; and

WHEREAS, Nevada County does not have direct access to the lower-cost high-capacity digital transport bandwidth for advanced affordable services that is increasingly available in metropolitan areas; and

WHEREAS, although Nevada County's Web content, e-commerce, video broadcasting and production, and computer software and hardware businesses have placed the County as a desirable high-tech location, in order to continue to retain and attract businesses, further broadband infrastructure and development is needed across Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, the expansion, access and usage of broadband networks can have a positive impact on economic development by promoting the diversification of the economy, attracting and retaining high-wage businesses and companies, and increasing the long-term investment in information technology sectors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grass Valley, City of Nevada City and County of Nevada have expressed a joint desire for a continued partnership to promote the development of Broadband throughout Western Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, the increased local use of broadband networks and advanced communication services will enhance government and other public operations through telemedicine for healthcare, distance learning for education, and better coordination in the areas of public safety, as well as facilitate access for the aged, low-income, and unemployed for educational and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, in June 2018, the City of Grass Valley, City of Nevada City and County of Nevada are each adopting resolutions in support of expanding the availability of Broadband throughout Western Nevada County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, hereby supports and promotes the expansion, access and usage of broadband networks and advanced communication services throughout Nevada County to positively impact areas of healthcare, public safety, schools, colleges, libraries, community support organizations, businesses, social-networking, and economic development.