RESOLUTION No. 496 -18

COUNTY SUPPORT FOR RESTORATION OF
2015 OPEN INTERNET (NET-NEUTRALITY) ORDER

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) successfully voted on December 14, 2017 to repeal the open Internet Order; and

WHEREAS, the repeal of the 2015 Open Internet Order has the potential to result in US telecoms to block, slow or charge more for certain internet content; and

WHEREAS, some believe the repeal of net-neutrality will lead to more investment and more competition in the coming years while others vehemently disagree that any additional investment in the underserved areas will ever happen given the extreme concentration of the broadband market, and lack of competition.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Marinette County Board of Supervisors to urge legislators to use the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to reverse the FCC action taken to repeal the 2015 Open Internet Order, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the County Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the Governor and the State and Federal Legislators representing Marinette County.

Approved by a majority of a quorum of the Marinette County Board of Supervisors this 17th day of April 2018.

Mark Anderson, Chairperson

Katherine K. Brandt, County Clerk

Submitted by: Economic Development & Tourism Committee – 04/09/18