RE: SUPPORTING IMPROVED BROADBAND ACCESS IN LA CROSSE COUNTY

WHEREAS, improved broadband access is necessary to La Crosse County businesses and citizens in the areas of economic development, medical care, education, communication, entertainment, and other future uses; and

WHEREAS, significant portions of La Crosse County are below average in speed, adoption, and capacity compared to the rest of Wisconsin, the Nation, and our worldwide competitors; and

WHEREAS, although La Crosse County may not be a broadband provider it may work to facilitate broadband build out and improvement; and

WHEREAS, public and private involvement in the development of a broadband improvement plan is necessary to ensure success;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors hereby endorses and establishes as a goal that broadband opportunities are provided for La Crosse County businesses as well as its citizenry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board encourages the State Legislature and Governor Walker to support funding in the 2017-2019 Biennial State Budget to expand high-speed broadband access for rural Wisconsin residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be forwarded to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, Governor Walker, Senator Shilling and Representatives Doyle and Billings.

Date: March 8, 2017

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Reviewed

Recommended

Co. Admin. Only

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Fin. Director


Not Recommended

Requested By: County Board Chair
Date Requested: February 24, 2017
Drafted By: Corporation Counsel

Board Chair

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 14th Day of March, 2017

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 16th day of March 2017.

Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk