

## **RESOLUTION 2019-02**

### **Support for Investment in Rural Broadband in Monroe County**

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe County Council seeks to promote investment in broadband infrastructure in Monroe County to better serve underserved rural communities; and

**WHEREAS**, elected officials in Monroe County Government often learn of important opportunities for support, often in the form of grants, for projects that would benefit Monroe County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, awareness of grant opportunities occasionally comes late in the process and requires quick action in order to meet deadlines of granting agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe County Council has been informed at its March Work Session of a grant opportunity for investments in rural broadband – the Next Level Connections (NLC) Broadband Grant Program offered by the State of Indiana, which provides \$100M in broadband investment in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe County Council wishes to encourage service providers to invest in providing service to currently unserved residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, NLC grants are available to a wide range of providers and entities in Monroe County, any of which may be making applications for grant funding,

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Monroe County Council makes the following findings and hereby resolves:

1. Potential applicants for NLC grant support are likely to seek letters of support from the Monroe County Council for their applications, and
2. The narrow time frame for closure on the granting opportunities for applicants for NLC grants will make review of requested letters of support at one of the two scheduled Council meetings to take place in April 2019 difficult, if not impossible to arrange, and
3. The County Council wishes to strongly support any local provider that is seeking funding from the State for the NLC program, and
4. The Monroe County Council authorizes the Council President, or acting Pro Tempore, to sign letters of support for local applicants for grant support from the NLC grant program. The entire Council shall be informed of any such letters of support at its next scheduled meeting following execution by the Council President, or President Pro Tempore.

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Adopted this this 26th day of March, 2019.

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MONROE COUNTY COUNCIL

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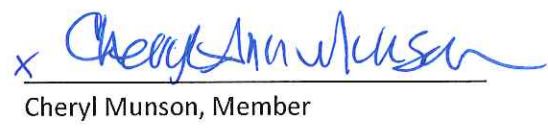
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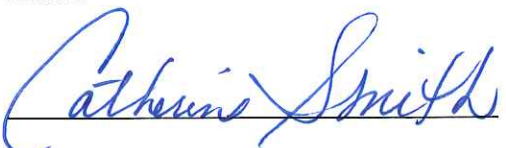
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**Attest:**

  
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Catherine Smith, Auditor  
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