

## RESOLUTION NO. 12-7804

### RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF PLUMAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### *Get Connected!*

#### Declaration of Support for *Get Connected!* and a Call to Action

**WHEREAS**, closing the Digital Divide is vital to the economic prosperity and quality of life for residents in Plumas County and throughout California.

**WHEREAS**, Plumas County finds and declares that high-speed Internet access—referred to generically as “broadband” and including both wireline and wireless technologies—is essential 21<sup>st</sup> Century infrastructure in a digital world and global economy.

**WHEREAS**, Plumas County recognizes that California is home to a wellspring of innovation that has given rise to the evolution of broadband and other information technologies, however Californians’ adoption and use of broadband technology is only approximately equivalent to the national average.

**WHEREAS**, Plumas County acknowledges that: a significant portion of California’s rural communities covering approximately 44,000 square miles of inhabited area have no access to broadband; and 29% of all Californians, 31% of rural residents, and 42% of low-income households are not connected to the Internet with broadband, leaving more than 10 million Californians without high-speed Internet access at home.

**WHEREAS**, Plumas County is committed to helping families and children be healthy, productive and self-sufficient and realizes that the use of broadband can save both time and money for residents while helping them bridge the economic divide.

**WHEREAS**, Plumas County is committed to helping students obtain the highest-quality education possible incorporating digital literacy and understands that high-speed Internet connectivity and the availability of computing devices both at school and at home are critical teaching and learning tools for academic achievement.

**WHEREAS**, Plumas County is committed to reducing its carbon footprint and recognizes that broadband is a strategic “green” technology that decreases greenhouse gas emissions and dependence on foreign oil by enabling e-government and the provision of more services online.

**WHEREAS**, Plumas County is committed to Digital Inclusion and increasing citizen participation in the public process through expanded engagement using broadband.

**WHEREAS**, Plumas County recognizes that it has the opportunity to impact broadband deployment and adoption in its several local government roles and responsibilities, including as a policy leader, planning body, land use approval agency, purchaser-consumer of communications equipment and information technology, and a service provider.

**WHEREAS**, Plumas County welcomes the opportunity to partner with the California Emerging Technology Fund along with the Governor, Legislature, other local governments, civic leaders, community organizations, employers, labor representatives, educators, and policymakers to encourage adoption of broadband technology.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County of Plumas hereby joins with the California Emerging Technology Fund in promoting ***Get Connected!***—a public awareness program to close the Digital Divide—and calls upon all residents, businesses and community organizations to ***Get Connected!***

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Plumas County Board of Supervisors requests all of their departments and agencies to review scopes of responsibilities, work plans, and services to identify and report back to the Board of Supervisors within six (6) months on the strategic actions that will remove barriers to and promote the deployment and adoption of broadband among residents, customers, and recipients of public services.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Plumas County Board of Supervisors directs that appropriate policies promoting and supporting the deployment and adoption of broadband be promulgated and incorporated into the General Plan and other appropriate land use and economic development plans.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Plumas County Board of Supervisors directs the appropriate departments to determine how to optimize the use of broadband technology to inform and engage residents to increase citizen participation in the public processes of governance and expand Digital Inclusion.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Plumas County Board of Supervisors will seek to cooperate and share the results of ***Get Connected!*** with neighboring jurisdictions and other public agencies and shall post this resolution on the Plumas County website.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Plumas County Board of Supervisors authorize the use of their names as champions of ***Get Connected!*** on the websites of the California Emerging Technology Fund ([www.CETFund.org](http://www.CETFund.org) and [www.GetConnectedToday.com](http://www.GetConnectedToday.com)) and in printed materials pertaining to ***Get Connected!***

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Plumas, State of California, at a regular meeting of the Board held on the 7th day of August 2012 by the following vote.

AYES: SUPERVISORS SWOFFORD, THRALL, SIMPSON, KENNEDY, MEACHER

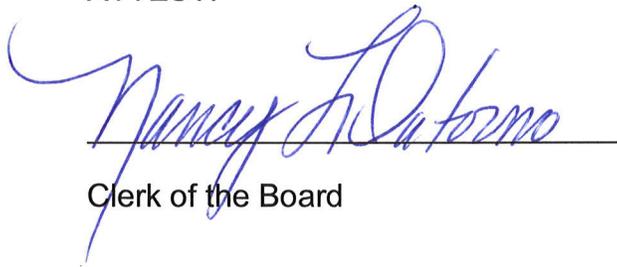
NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE



Chair of the Board

ATTEST:



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Clerk of the Board