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01-2025 RESOLUTION

BROADBAND EQUITY, ACCESS, AND DEPLOYMENT (BEAD) PROJECT

A Resolution of the City of Fountain City, Wisconsin, in Support of the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program Project Number 5501100000305

WHEREAS, THE City of Fountain City recognizes the critical importance of high-speed internet access for the economic, educational, and social well-being of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program aims to expand and enhance broadband infrastructure to ensure equitable access to high-speed internet for all residents of Fountain City; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Broadband Office within the Wisconsin Public Service Commission has identified three (3) locations within the municipal boundary of the City of Fountain City that are eligible under this program; and

WHEREAS, Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company has demonstrated a commitment to providing reliable and affordable broadband via fiber optic service to the premises in area rural communities, including Fountain City; and

WHEREAS, Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company has been approved by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission as an eligible BEAD participating provider; and

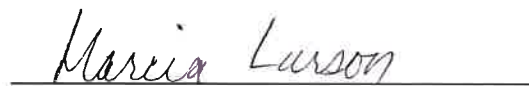
WHEREAS, the City of Fountain City supports initiatives that promote digital inclusion and bridge the digital divide, thereby fostering greater opportunities for education, healthcare, business, and overall quality of life for its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Fountain City, Wisconsin, that:

1. The City of Fountain City identifies Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company as the preferred provider for the implementation of project 5501100000305.
2. The City of Fountain City commits to collaborating with Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company and other relevant stakeholders to ensure the successful deployment and sustainability of the broadband infrastructure.
3. The City of Fountain City encourages residents, businesses, and community organizations to actively participate in and support the BEAD Project to maximize its benefits for the entire community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution and Letter of Endorsement be forwarded to Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company, the Wisconsin Public Service Commission, and other relevant agencies to demonstrate the City's support and commitment to this vital project.


Mayor Ben Adank


ATTEST: Marcia Larson, Clerk-Treasurer