



RESOLUTION NO.

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

El Dorado County - *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 the County of El Dorado and throughout California; and,

WHEREAS, the County of El Dorado finds and declares that high-speed Internet access—referred to generically as “broadband” and including both wireline and wireless technologies—is essential 21st Century infrastructure in a digital world and global economy; and,

WHEREAS, the County of El Dorado 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; and,

WHEREAS, the County of El Dorado understands that 38% of all Californians, and 40% of low-income households, are not connected to the Internet with broadband, leaving more than 14 million Californians without high-speed Internet access at home; and,

WHEREAS, the County of El Dorado 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; and,

WHEREAS, the County desires to help 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; and,

WHEREAS, the County strives to reduce its carbon footprint recognizing 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; and,

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

WHEREAS, the 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; and,

WHEREAS, the 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 El Dorado hereby supports the California Emerging Technology Fund in launching and promoting *Get Connected!* —a public awareness program to close the Digital Divide—and 2010 and beyond as target years for all residents, businesses and community organizations to *Get Connected!*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors for the County of El Dorado requests all of their departments and agencies to review scopes of responsibilities, work plans, and services to identify and report back to the Board on the strategic actions that will promote the deployment and adoption of broadband among residents, customers, and recipients of public services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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 Board of Supervisors directs the county Chief Administrative Officer and other 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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 5th day of October, 2010, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest: Suzanne Allen de Sanchez
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent :

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

_____ Chair, Board of Supervisors

I CERTIFY THAT:
THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE.

Attest: Suzanne Allen de Sanchez, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado, State of California.

By: _____ Date: _____
Deputy Clerk