

## RESOLUTION NO. 013-2016

## OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of El Dorado County finds that access to high speed Broadband service is critical to educational attainment and economic development for the County and its residents;

WHEREAS, The County believes that there are many areas that are unserved in Broadband service, and that many additional areas are underserved suffering from substandard internet speeds and intermittent service;

WHEREAS, El Dorado County has been advised of the availability of grant funds from the Federal Agency, Economic Development Administration (EDA), Department of Commerce, for an FY 2016 Planning Program and Local Technical Assistance Program grant, that can be used to analyze the state of broadband capacity for the County, and construct a long term strategy for the County to support better high speed internet deployment;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has previously allocated \$75,000 in the County budget for required match of EDA grant funds, and hereby commits these match funds for an EDA grant if awarded;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors have strongly supported building Broadband capacity in El Dorado County as a way to create and retain jobs, educate and retain students, and position the County in the 21<sup>st</sup> century economy; and

WHEREAS, the need for improved Broadband service fits strongly within the County's Strategic Plan - Economic Development Element.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado hereby:

- Approve the submittal of an application for an EDA Planning Program and Local Technical Assistance Program Grant; and
- 2) Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to sign all documents applicable to the grant application; and
- 3) Certify that the County has budgeted \$75,000 for the purposes of providing matching funds for a potential EDA Planning Program and Local Technical Assistance Program Grant; and
- 4) Designate the County's Economic Development Manager as the chief contact for the grant application.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest:

James S. Mitrisin

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Ayes: Ranalli, Novasel, Mikulaco, Frentzen, Veerkamp

Noes: None Absent: None

> Ron Mikulaco Chair, Board of Supervisors

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Deputy Clerk