

Committee: Community Services

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RESOLUTION NO. 37-21

COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TRIBAL BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of self-government on behalf of the Cherokee people;

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation is a federally recognized Indian Nation with a historic and continual government to government relationship with the United States of America;

WHEREAS, Cherokee Nation is preparing an application to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), part of the U.S. Department of Commerce, for the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Grant Program;

WHEREAS, Cherokee Nation proposes in its application to deploy broadband infrastructure in reservation areas certified by the tribe as being unserved or underserved according to NTIA's definition;

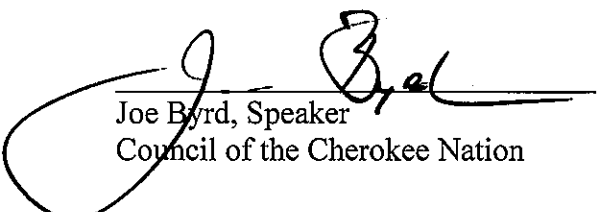
WHEREAS, the construction of broadband infrastructure will lead to connectivity that ultimately encourages economic, educational, and healthcare opportunities for Cherokee Nation citizens living in rural communities currently lacking quality, affordable broadband;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that the Tribal Council hereby approves submission of the application to the U.S. Department of Commerce for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Tribal Broadband Connectivity Grant Program (Opportunity Number: NTIA-TBC-TBCPO-2021-2005948); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that the Tribal Council hereby supports and approves the Cherokee Nation's self-certification of unserved households and businesses in reservation areas as part of its application for the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Grant Program.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 9th day of August, 2021, having 17 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 17 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.


Joe Byrd, Speaker
Council of the Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:



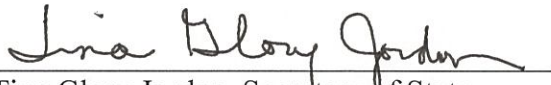
James Taylor, Secretary
Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 12th day of August, 2021.



Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:



Tina Glory Jordan, Secretary of State
Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Act/Resolution Proposal Form

ADMINISTRATIVE CLEARANCE

Dept/Program:

Signature/Initial Date

Executive Director:

Signature/Initial Date

Finance (if needed):

Signature/Initial Date

Government Resources:

Signature/Initial Date

Administration Approval:

Signature/Initial Date

LEGISLATIVE CLEARANCE:

Legal & Legislative Coordinator:

Stoke 8/9/21

Signature/Initial Date

Standing Committee & Date:

Community Service 8/9/21

Chairperson:

Shambaugh

Signature/Initial Date

Returned to Presenter: _____

Date

TITLE:

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Chuck Hoskin Jr.

RESOLUTION PRESENTER: Travis Noland

COUNCIL SPONSOR: Mike Shambaugh

NARRATIVE:

Cherokee Nation is preparing an application for the US Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program. The COVID-19 pandemic has amplified the need for affordable, reliable broadband. With the council's approval, the application will support the deployment of broadband infrastructure in unserved and underserved communities of the Cherokee Nation's reservation. Providing citizens with this essential utility will ensure they have access to connectivity and can participate in the digital economy, remote learning and telehealth.