



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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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.