## A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ABBOTTSTOWN, ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, IN SUPPORT OF SPECIFIC ACTION TO ENSURE AVAILABILITY OF RURAL BROADBAND WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

NO. 2022-04

## WHEREAS;

There is a lack of and need for availability of high-speed broadband internet service in underserved and unserved areas of the Commonwealth; and

In these locations one can find outside of schools and convenience stores parents in their idling cars while their children feverishly work to complete their computer homework assignments using the free Wi-Fi..... because high-speed broadband internet is unavailable in their residential areas; and

Despite the passage of Act 67 of 1993 and Act 183 of 2004 to ensure all areas of the Commonwealth would be provided with a modern broadband telecommunications network by 2015, frustratingly this goal remains unmet; and

With the pending arrival of next generation 5G networks, the time to ensure that it reaches every one of our constituents, regardless of their zip code, is now.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Abbottstown Borough Council hereby petition the Representatives and Senators duly elected from our district and state, along with our Governor and Lt. Governor, to:

- direct the Department of General Services (DGS) to conduct an inventory of all state department, agency, commission, or institution owned communication towers, poles, buildings, and facilities to leverage existing state-owned assets for the provisioning of high-speed broadband internet to unserved and underserved areas; and
- direct the Joint State Government Commission to conduct an in-depth investigation and audit into the compliance of non-rural telecommunication carriers with these Acts, and report findings and recommendations to the Legislature; and
- 3) establish a special bipartisan, bicameral legislative commission to recommend improvements to the deployment of high-speed broadband services in unserved and underserved areas.

ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF JANUARY 2022.

ATTEST

ABBOTTSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

David W. Bolton, MBA, CBO

Secretary

Dennis R. Posev, President

## **CERTIFICATE**

## 2022-04

I, the undersigned officer of the Borough of Abbottstown, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was approved by majority vote of the entire Council at a meeting duly convened according to law and held on January 20, 2022, at which meeting a quorum was present; said Resolution has been recorded in the minutes of said Council; and said Resolution remains in effect, unaltered and unamended, as of the date of this Certificate.

I further certify that the Borough of Abbottstown met the advance notice requirements of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, 65 Pa. Cons. Stat. §701 et seq., by advertising the time and place of said meeting and by posting prominently a notice of said meeting at the principal office of the Borough or at the public building in which said meeting was held.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I set my hand and affix the official seal of the Borough of Abbottstown this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

David W. Bolton, MBA, CBC

Secretary

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