

RESOLUTION TO URGE PASSAGE OF THE TENNESSEE BROADBAND ACCESSIBILITY ACT BY THE TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS, Tennessee currently ranks 29th in the U.S. for broadband access; and

WHEREAS, 13 percent of the state lacks access to broadband and 34 percent of the state's rural residents do not have broadband coverage at the recognized minimum standards because of low population density and/or geographical constraints; and

WHEREAS, broadband access is critical for business, education, health care and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, in response to the critical need for increased broadband access, Governor Haslam has proposed the Tennessee Broadband Accessibility Act, which would provide grants and tax credits to encourage deployment of broadband to previously underserved areas; and

WHEREAS, in addition to grants and tax credits, the ACT would authorize the state's private, non-profit electric cooperatives to provide broadband throughout their territories; and

WHEREAS, the Act also provides grant opportunities for local libraries to help the libraries provide more digital literacy training to the state's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislative Body of Weakley County, Tennessee believes the Tennessee Broadband Accessibility Act provides necessary and reasonable steps to improve broadband access in the state,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the county legislative body of Weakley County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th of March, 2017 in Dresden, Tennessee hereby request that the Tennessee General Assembly pass the Tennessee Broadband Accessibility Act in order to increase broadband accessibility in the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, our Tennessee State Senator, and Tennessee State Representatives representing Weakley County, Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Pursuant To The Rules Of The Commission, This Resolution Is Sponsored By The Following Members Of The Weakley County Board Of County Commissioners:

SPONSORED BY:

Roger D. Van Clars

SPONSORED BY:

[Signature]

ACKNOWLEDGED AND APPROVED:

Donald Doster

Donald Doster, Health, Education, and Economic Development Committee

Motion made by Commissioner Owen that the foregoing resolution be adopted:

Motion seconded by Commissioner Donald Doster

Upon being put to a voice vote, motion carried by a vote of 17 Yeas, 0 Nays.

0 Passed and 0 Absent.

ATTESTED:

Kim Hughey
Kim Hughey, County Clerk

APPROVED:

Jake Bynum
Jake Bynum, Chairman, County Commission