Resolution \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Title: A resolution to become a Member of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Tribal Broadband Consortium (YKDTBC), a nonprofit Alaska Tribal Organization as defined in 25 U.S.C. § 5304(l) AND authorizing the YKDTBC to apply for, manage, and administer National Telecommunications and Information Association (NTIA) Tribal Broadband Connectivity grants

on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a federal recognized Tribe.

WHEREAS The Federal Communication Commission (FCC) defines “broadband” as internet service with: a download speed of not less than 25 megabits per second; an upload speed of not less than 3 megabits per second; and, a latency sufficient to support real time, interactive applications; and,

 WHEREAS The FCC internet term “unserved” means without access to broadband service; and,

WHEREAS The 56 unserved federally recognized Tribes in the underserved Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta (YKD), the second largest unserved area in America, desire access to affordable broadband service for their Tribal Communities and eligible lands; and,

WHEREAS Historic broadband grant funding and emerging Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite broadband offer, for the first time, practical and realist options for unserved YKD Tribes to provide affordable broadband service to their unserved Tribal Communities; and,

WHEREAS The National Information and Telecommunication Administration (NTIA) $1B Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program grants represent one of the best opportunities for unserved YKD Tribes to fund broadband solutions for their Tribal Communities; and,

WHEREAS It is in the individual and collective interest of the unserved YKD Tribes to submit the largest possible NTIA grant application by the due date of September 1, 2021, to maximize prioritization and funding for the second largest unserved area in America; and,

WHEREAS The Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Tribal Broadband Consortium (“Consortium”), a nonprofit Alaska Tribal Organization, was established by unserved YKD Tribes for the purpose of providing affordable broadband access and services for its unserved Member Tribes; and,

WHEREAS The Consortium is authorized by its Members to apply for, manage, and administer NTIA Tribal Broadband Connectivity grants on their behalf to provide affordable broadband service to their Tribal Communities and eligible lands; and,

WHEREAS The Consortium proposes to use a scalable YKD Tribal village-based model to provide Low Earth Orbit (LEO) fixed wireless broadband to its Member Tribes as recommended in the Akiak Broadband Feasibility Study Report which is being implemented in 2021 for the Akiak Native Community; and,

WHEREAS The Consortium Membership Agreement and By Laws have been shared with the Tribal Council; and,

WHEREAS The NTIA Tribal Broadband Connectivity program requires that the Consortium receive a formal resolution from each Member Tribe authorizing the Consortium to apply for, manage, and administer a grant for work on behalf of and benefiting the Tribe.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a federal recognized Tribe, has agreed to become a Member Tribe of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Tribal Broadband Consortium, a nonprofit Alaska Tribal Organization as defined in 25 U.S.C. § 5304(l**)** and authorizes the Consortium to apply for, manage, and administer a NTIA Tribal Broadband Connectivity grant to deploy a LEO fixed wireless broadband solution for its unserved Tribal Community.

Certification:

This resolution was passed and approved at a duly called meeting in which a quorum was present and voted \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ No, and \_\_\_\_\_ abstaining, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Authorized Tribal Government Executive Tribal Secretary (if applicable)

Attachments:

1. Yukon-Kuskokwim Tribal Broadband Membership Agreement
2. Yukon-Kuskokwim Tribal Broadband Bylaws
3. Akiak Broadband Feasibility Study Report