

# State of Louisiana

## Parish of Grant In the Name and By the Authority of The Police Jury of Grant Parish

Motion by Mr. Winston Roberts, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball and carried to adopt the following Resolution: Motion carried

### RESOLUTION 12-2020;

#### IN SUPPORT BROADBAND HIGH-SPEED INTERNET SERVICE

**WHEREAS**, there is currently a large portion of Grant Parish citizens with limited or no access to high-speed internet, known as “broadband”, and there is a clear “digital divide”, or gap between those who have broadband and those who do not in Grant Parish.

**WHEREAS**, closing the “Digital Divide” is vital to the economic prosperity and quality of life for residents of Grant Parish, and has become even more critical due to the coronavirus(Covid-19) pandemic.

**WHEREAS**, the Grant Parish Police Jury is fully committed to helping families and children lead healthy, productive, and fulfilling lives, and recognizes the importance of access to reliable and affordable broadband in achieving these outcomes.

**WHEREAS**, Covid-19 has forced schools in Grant parish and across the nation to adopt distance learning, it has become apparent that inadequate connectivity in rural communities in Grant Parish must be addressed to ensure that our students receive a quality education that prepares them to be productive and responsible citizens.

**WHEREAS**, the Police Jury recognizes that access to rural broadband in Grant Parish is crucial to our ability to attract and retain businesses of all sizes and from all sectors of the global economy. High-speed internet in our rural communities is a vital component to the economic prosperity of Grant Parish businesses.


**WHEREAS**, residential home values are known to increase with the availability of reliable broadband service, and the future development of residential neighborhoods in Grant Parish will in large part depend upon access to high-speed internet.

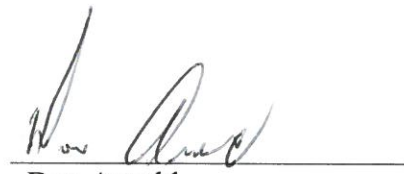
**WHEREAS**, the Grant Parish Police Jury recognizes that it has the opportunity to positively impact the deployment and adoption of rural broadband throughout Grant Parish and is committed to doing so by partnering with internet providers, the governor, state legislature, other local government entities, civic leaders, community organizations, policymakers, employers, educators, and citizens.

**WHEREAS**, the Police Jury is aware that the FCC has adopted the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund(RDOF), which directs \$20.4 billion over 10 years to fund the deployment of high-speed broadband networks in rural America through a two-phase reverse auction. The Police Jury has identified numerous census blocks within Grant Parish that that are wholly unserved with fixed broadband at speeds of at least 25/3 Mbps, and we are committed to working with broadband providers who are considering bidding on census tracts within Grant Parish.

**NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Grant Parish Police Jury hereby fully supports obtaining reliable, affordable high-speed internet in all areas of Grant Parish.

**THUS DONE**, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020 in legal session in the Grant Parish Police Jury, Parish of Grant and State of Louisiana.

  
Sissy Pace  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Grant Parish Police Jury

  
Don Arnold  
President  
Grant Parish Police Jury

CERTIFICATE

I, Sissy Pace, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the Grant Parish Police Jury on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020

  
Sissy Pace, Secretary/Treasurer