

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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M. WHITE, PILEGGI AND FARNESE, JANUARY 12, 2011SENATOR FOLMER, COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY, AS AMENDED, JUNE
15, 2011

A RESOLUTION

~~Urging the President of the United States and the Governor to
institute a broadband mobilization strategy to manage funds
from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.~~

ESTABLISHING PRINCIPLES FOR TECHNOLOGY STRATEGIES AND BROADBAND
MOBILIZATION AND MAXIMIZING FEDERAL AND STATE MONEY FOR
IMPLEMENTING THESE STRATEGIES.

~~WHEREAS, With the passage of the American Recovery and
Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5, 123 Stat. 115), many
states are coordinating large, cross-agency, statewide
strategies to enhance their American Recovery and Reinvestment
Act of 2009 funding opportunities in order to maximize broadband
deployment strategies; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Because the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
of 2009 will be competitive, the Commonwealth must put forth a
broad strategy that leverages and combines American Recovery and
Reinvestment Act of 2009 opportunities and all other available
economic resources to promote sound economic development for the
deployment of broadband access; and~~

~~WHEREAS, To best maximize this Commonwealth's share of~~

~~American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds, the
strategy must be transparent and nonpartisan as it leverages all~~

WHEREAS, THE COMMONWEALTH HAS INVESTED CONSIDERABLE RESOURCES
TO ENHANCE AND MAXIMIZE BROADBAND OPPORTUNITIES; AND

WHEREAS, TECHNOLOGY IS KEY IN MAKING THIS COMMONWEALTH
COMPETITIVE THROUGH SOUND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICIES; AND

WHEREAS, THE COMMONWEALTH NEEDS TO MAXIMIZE ITS opportunities
with ~~existing~~ Federal, State, local and corporate resources; and

WHEREAS, ~~The strategy~~ SUCH STRATEGIES should follow the
following principles:

(1) Provide broadband leadership at the State level,
through a ~~decentralized~~ system that promotes ~~Pennsylvania as
a whole, much like the highly publicized California Broadband
Initiative which is seeking \$1,000,000,000 of the
\$7,200,000,000 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
funds~~ OPENNESS, TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY.

(2) Leverage existing public and private infrastructure.

(3) Develop competitive bid processes.

(4) Address public safety improvements through broadband
deployment.

(5) Provide appropriate incentives for investment in
underserved and unserved regions.

(6) Link with proven existing programs and stimulating
demand through anchor tenants, schools, hospitals and other
community anchors.

(7) Focus on the final leg of delivering services to a
customer ("last mile") for connecting residential broadband
customers.

(8) Update broadband mapping that is delivered
immediately after collection ("real-time data") and insisting

on data transparency.

(9) Establish meaningful reports and accountability for all projects.

(10) Invest in state-of-the-art infrastructure.

(11) Ensure that all projects receiving ~~stimulus~~ PUBLIC TAX money have proven, identified sustainability plans after the ~~stimulus~~ PUBLIC TAX money is used;

therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate ~~of Pennsylvania~~ urge ~~the President of the United States~~ and the Governor to work in conjunction with the General Assembly to institute a broadband mobilization strategy ~~to manage funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009;~~ and be it further BEGINNING WITH AN INVENTORY OF THE 25 BIGGEST TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to ~~the President of the United States and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.~~