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A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS, To best maximize this Commonwealth's share of
17 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds, the
18 strategy must be transparent and nonpartisan as it leverages all

1 opportunities with existing Federal, State, local and corporate
2 resources; and

3 WHEREAS, The strategy should follow the following principles:

4 (1) Provide broadband leadership at the State level,
5 through a decentralized system that promotes Pennsylvania as
6 a whole, much like the highly publicized California Broadband
7 Initiative which is seeking \$1,000,000,000 of the
8 \$7,200,000,000 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
9 funds.

10 (2) Leverage existing public and private infrastructure.

11 (3) Develop competitive bid processes.

12 (4) Address public safety improvements through broadband
13 deployment.

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

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

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

22 (8) Update broadband mapping that is delivered
23 immediately after collection ("real-time data") and insisting
24 on data transparency.

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

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

28 (11) Ensure that all projects receiving stimulus money
29 have proven, identified sustainability plans after the
30 stimulus money is used;

1 therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the Senate of Pennsylvania urge the President
3 of the United States and the Governor to work in conjunction
4 with the General Assembly to institute a broadband mobilization
5 strategy to manage funds from the American Recovery and
6 Reinvestment Act of 2009; and be it further

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