

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-6395

COUNCIL SPONSOR: LORINO

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RESOLUTION TO URGE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE TO PASS  
LEGISLATION WHICH WILL INVEST IN THE INSTALLATION OF  
HIGH SPEED INTERNET FOR RURAL LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Council strives to enhance the quality of life of its residents, both personally and economically; and

WHEREAS, high-speed internet service has become a necessary component to participating in the modern economy, healthcare and education, but this service is unavailable or of an inadequate quality for many residents; and

WHEREAS residents of St. Tammany Parish deserve the same educational, medical and economic opportunities as citizens in parishes served by high speed internet; and

WHEREAS, neighboring states of our region have invested in the development of broadband infrastructure at varying levels, while Louisiana has made no financial investment thus far; and

WHEREAS, legislation has been passed over the past year to allow opportunities for installation by private providers using the infrastructure of the Rural Electric Cooperative and the Cooperatives themselves have been given permission to expand into broadband from the Public Service Commission recently; and

WHEREAS, legislation has been passed this year to establish a Louisiana Office of Broadband that will allow a designated state office to seek funds and distribute in order to promote broadband installation in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, various departments of the Federal Government have made funds available for expansion of broadband targeted to rural areas. These funds provide an initial step toward bridging the digital divide.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that it urges the Louisiana Legislature to pass legislation which will invest in the installation of high speed internet for rural Louisiana.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 7 DAY OF JANUARY, 2021, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

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MICHAEL R. LORINO, JR. , COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK