



VILLAGE OF WESTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-030

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING IMPROVED BROADBAND ACCESS IN THE VILLAGE OF WESTON

The Internet Is Essential 21st Century Infrastructure: Modern broadband Internet networks are essential infrastructure in the 21st century economy. Access to modern broadband infrastructure is vital in ensuring that all communities – rural, tribal, and urban – can access opportunity and participate fully in community life.

Local Communities Are the Lifeblood of America: America is built on its great communities. Towns, counties, and cities are where economic activity and civic engagement live -- and communities recognize modern broadband Internet infrastructure as essential to enable such economic and democratic activity.

WHEREAS, improved broadband access is necessary to Village of Weston businesses and citizens in the areas of economic development, medical care, education, communication, entertainment, and other future uses; and

WHEREAS, significant portions of Village of Weston are below average in speed, adoption, and capacity compared to the rest of Wisconsin, America, and our worldwide competitors; and

WHEREAS, although Village of Weston may not be a broadband provider it may work to facilitate broadband build out and improvement; and

WHEREAS, public and private involvement in the development of a broadband improvement plan is necessary to ensure success; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Weston is supporting the State broadband expansion grants program in the recent biennial budget; and

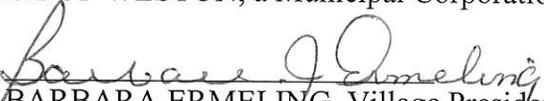
WHEREAS, the Village of Weston supports communities having the ability to make their own choices. Local choice enables local self-reliance and accountability. Local choice enables local innovation, investment, and competition. Local communities, through their elected officials, must have the right and opportunity to choose for themselves the best broadband Internet infrastructure for their businesses, institutions, and residents. Federal broadband policies must prioritize local choice and provide local communities full, unhindered authority to choose their own broadband future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Weston Board of Trustees hereby endorses and establishes as a goal that Village of Weston broadband opportunities are provided for its businesses as well as its citizenry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be submitted to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission, Wisconsin League of Municipalities and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTON, at a regular meeting thereof, this 9th day of the month of November, 2015.

VILLAGE OF WESTON, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Wisconsin.

By: 
BARBARA ERMELING, Village President

ATTEST:

By: 
SHERRY WEINKAUF, Village Clerk

By: 
DANIEL GUILD, Village Administrator

Vote: 10-0