BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, GLENN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-44  

Get Connected!  
Declaration of Support for Get Connected! and a Call to Action  

WHEREAS, closing the Digital Divide is vital to the economic prosperity and quality of life for residents in Glenn County and throughout California.  

WHEREAS, Glenn County finds and declares that high-speed Internet access—referred to generically as “broadband” and including both wireline and wireless technologies—is essential 21st Century infrastructure in a digital world and global economy.  

WHEREAS, Glenn County recognizes that California is home to a wellspring of innovation that has given rise to the evolution of broadband and other information technologies, however Californians’ adoption and use of broadband technology is only approximately equivalent to the national average.  

WHEREAS, Glenn County acknowledges that a significant portion of California’s rural communities covering approximately 44,000 square miles of inhabited area have no access to broadband; and 29% of all Californians, 31% of rural residents, and 42% of low-income households are not connected to the Internet with broadband, leaving more than 10 million Californians without high-speed Internet access at home.  

WHEREAS, Glenn County is committed to helping families and children be healthy, productive and self-sufficient and realizes that the use of broadband can save both time and money for residents while helping them bridge the economic divide.  

WHEREAS, Glenn County is committed to helping students obtain the highest-quality education possible incorporating digital literacy and understands that high-speed Internet connectivity and the availability of computing devices both at school and at home are critical teaching and learning tools for academic achievement.  

WHEREAS, Glenn County is committed to reducing its carbon footprint and recognizes that broadband is a strategic “green” technology that decreases greenhouse gas emissions and dependence on foreign oil by enabling e-government and the provision of more services online.  

WHEREAS, Glenn County is committed to Digital Inclusion and increasing citizen participation in the public process through expanded engagement using broadband.  

WHEREAS, Glenn County recognizes that it has the opportunity to impact broadband deployment and adoption in its several local government roles and responsibilities, including as a policy leader, planning body, land use approval agency, purchaser-consumer of communications equipment and information technology, and a service provider.
WHEREAS, Glenn County welcomes the opportunity to partner with the California Emerging Technology Fund along with the Governor, Legislature, other local governments, civic leaders, community organizations, employers, labor representatives, educators, and policymakers to encourage adoption of broadband technology.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Glenn County hereby joins with the California Emerging Technology Fund in promoting Get Connected! —a public awareness program to close the Digital Divide—and calls upon all residents, businesses and community organizations to Get Connected!

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Glenn County Board of Supervisors requests all of their departments and agencies to review scopes of responsibilities, work plans, and services to identify and report back to the [Board of Supervisors or City Council] within six (6) months on the strategic actions that will remove barriers to and promote the deployment and adoption of broadband among residents, customers, and recipients of public services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Glenn County Board of Supervisors directs that appropriate policies promoting and supporting the deployment and adoption of broadband be promulgated and incorporated into the General Plan and other appropriate land use and economic development plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Glenn County Board of Supervisors directs the Planning and Public Works Agency Director and other appropriate departments to determine how to optimize the use of broadband technology to inform and engage residents to increase citizen participation in the public processes of governance and expand Digital Inclusion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Glenn County Board of Supervisors will seek to cooperate and share the results of Get Connected! with neighboring jurisdictions and other public agencies and shall post this resolution on the county website and send a copy to the Cities of Orland and Willows for appropriate distribution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Glenn County Board of Supervisors authorize the use of their names as champions of Get Connected! on the websites of the California Emerging Technology Fund (www.CETFund.org and www.GetConnectedToday.com) and in printed materials pertaining to Get Connected!
THIS RESOLUTION was passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Glenn at a regular meeting thereof held on July 17, 2012, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Foltz, McDaniel, Murray, Viegas, and Soeth (Chairman)

NOES: None

ABSENT OR ABSTAIN: None.

STEVE SOETH, Chairman
Board of Supervisors,
Glenn County California

SHERYL THUR, County Clerk-Recorder
and ex-officio clerk, Board of Supervisors, Glenn County, California

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Glenn County, California