

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-7

**Resolution Authorizing and Support for the Pursuit of Middle Mile Fiber  
Optic Network Construction and Submission to the National  
Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S.  
Department of Commerce**


NTIA-MMG-2022: CFDA 11.03

**Whereas;** the Creation of the La Porte County Rural Broadband Task Force was created to accelerate opportunities that currently do not exist in rural La Porte County thereby prohibiting the normal course of commerce and creating an uneven hardship upon those currently residing in rural La Porte County and,

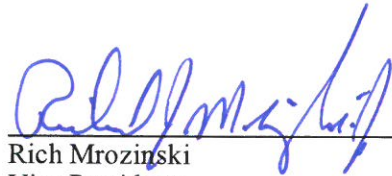
**Whereas;** it is through significant planning, research, and design that La Porte County now hereby is in a position to pursue the very important resources that will allow for the orderly and otherwise completely unavailable means to build and maintain the rural communication infrastructure that will make available the broadband accessibility to all areas throughout La Porte County and,

**Whereas;** the La Porte County Rural Broadband Task Force has worked diligently with key strategic partners, written numerous grants as well as assisted vendors to apply for the State of Indiana OCRA NxLevel Rounds 1, 2, and 3 for last mile fiber to assure that this topic remain a top priority for La Porte County. The LPCRBTF has invested hundreds of volunteer hours to assure that La Porte County can leverage the significant investment being made by KVREMC, Private ISP's, ILEC, CLEC, as well as cable company providers.

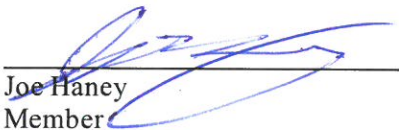
**Now Therefore be it Resolved;** that the La Porte County Board of Commissioners hereby supports and authorizes the OCED and its partners in the La Porte County Rural Broadband Task Force the necessary support in preparing the aforementioned grant application to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. NTIA-MMG-2022: CDFA 11.03



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