

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LASSEN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING COUNTY STAFF TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LASSEN TO REQUEST AND OBTAIN FINANCIAL AND/OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR FACILITATING BROADBAND NETWORK AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN LASSEN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has strongly supported efforts by publicly-owned and privately-owned utilities to obtain federal or state support to improve and expand broadband infrastructure, countywide, yet broadband access remains uneven throughout Lassen County; and

WHEREAS, on September 7<sup>th</sup> 2021, and by Resolution No. 21-043, the Lassen County Board of Supervisors authorized executing the Golden State Connect Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (GSFA JPA) for Lassen County to join the GSCA JPA as a member county for the purpose of expanding broadband access and quality in Lassen County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Budget Act of 2021 and Senate Bill (SB) 156, the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) has authorized a total of \$50 million in funds for technical assistance under a new tribal and local agency technical assistance program (LATA) grant program. On February 24, 2022, the Commission approved Decision (D.) 22-02-026 which established the LATA grant program and implemented current requirements and guidelines to allow CPUC staff, through a ministerial process, to award up to \$500,000 per fiscal year to a local agency to support developing broadband service to unserved and underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, County of Lassen is eligible to apply to the LATA grant program; and

WHEREAS, GSCA, in cooperation Utah Telecommunication Open Infrastructure Agency (UTOPIA) fiber, proposes to secure specialized professional services to assist member counties, including Lassen County, in implementing LATA grant-funded projects.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen that the County Administrative Officer or his designee is hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of the County of Lassen, any documents or actions that are required and necessary for the purpose of applying for and obtaining California Public Utilities Commission financial assistance for broadband infrastructure, including LATA grant funding, to not exceed \$500,000 (five hundred thousand dollars), per fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized, upon County Counsel legal review and approval, to execute and enter into, on behalf of Lassen County, a Memorandum of Understanding with GSCA (GSCA MOU) to implement any LATA grant received by Lassen County. The GSCA MOU may provide for the performance of all or any portion of the grant-funded work by GSCA or GSCA's contractors and/or sub-contractors and reimbursement to GSCA for these services from Lassen County's grant funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for any purpose related to GSCA MOU or LATA grant

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agreement, or County Purchasing/Contracting Policy No. 14-P01, as amended, the County Administrative Officer is authorized to execute non-competitive "sole source" procurement on behalf of the County to contract with GSCA for the performance of grant-funded services by GSCA or GSCA's contractors and/or sub-contractors, if necessary and required by the LATA program or GSCA MOU.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen, State of California, held on the 16th day of August 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LASSEN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ATTEST:  
JULIE BUSTAMANTE  
Clerk of the Board

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
MICHELE YDERRAGA, Deputy Clerk of the Board

I, MICHELE YDERRAGA, Deputy Clerk of the Board of the Board of Supervisors, County of Lassen, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the said Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting thereof held on the 16th day of August 2022.

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Deputy Clerk of the County of Lassen  
Board of Supervisors