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## **RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2021-202**

MEETING: April 20, 2021  
TO: The Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer  
RE: Ratify a Letter of Support for AB 14

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### **RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Ratify a Letter of Support for the Internet for All Act of 2021 (AB14).

The Internet for All Act of 2021 (The Act) prioritizes the deployment of broadband infrastructure in California's most vulnerable, unserved, and underserved rural and urban communities by extending the ongoing collection of funds deposited into the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) to provide communities with grants necessary to bridge the digital divide.

The Act recognizes that reliable internet connectivity is a critical necessity now, and that this will remain the case even after the COVID-19 pandemic has subsided. This bill equips Internet Service Providers, Local Governments, and Tribal Governments with the opportunity to expedite the connection of their communities to reliable broadband access indefinitely. Further, The Act ensures grants administered by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) from the CASF are awarded to applicants who are willing and able to effectively, efficiently and equitably connect households, community anchor institutions, small businesses, and employers.

Finding the Act aligned with the County's legislative platform, staff recommends ratification of this letter of support.

### **BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

The Board routinely approves or ratifies letters of support that it determines to be in the best interest of the county.

### **ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Do not approve. Staff would notify recipients of a retraction in that event.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

**Internet for All Act Support Letter (PDF)**  
**1.29.2021 Fact Sheet AB 14 (Aguiar-Curry) Internet for All Act of 2021 (PDF)**

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**RESULT:** **ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**

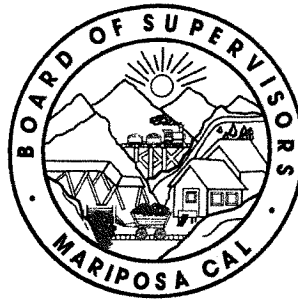
**MOVER:** Miles Menetrey, District V Supervisor

**SECONDER:** Wayne Forsythe, District IV Supervisor

**AYES:** Smallcombe, Sweeney, Long, Forsythe, Menetrey

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April 6, 2021

The Honorable Cecilia M. Aguiar-Curry  
Assemblymember, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
State Capitol, Room 5144  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 14 Internet for All Act of 2021 (Aguiar-Curry) – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry:

Mariposa County is proud to support the Internet for All Act of 2021 (The Act) which prioritizes the deployment of broadband infrastructure in California's most vulnerable, unserved, and underserved rural and urban communities by extending the ongoing collection of funds deposited into the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) to provide communities with grants necessary to bridge the digital divide.

Mariposa County is a scenic rural community, the home of Yosemite National Park, with 18,000 people spread over 1,463 square miles. Before, during and after the novel coronavirus pandemic, many members of our community have relied on broadband for medical care, education, employment, social connection and other critical services. Despite the critical need, many segments of our community do not have access to adequate broadband speeds and the services those speeds make possible.

The Act recognizes that reliable internet connectivity is a critical necessity now, and that this will remain the case even after the COVID-19 pandemic has subsided. This bill equips Internet Service Providers, Local Governments, and Tribal Governments with the opportunity to expedite the connection of their communities to reliable broadband access indefinitely. Further, The Act ensures grants administered by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) from the CASF are awarded to applicants who are willing and able to effectively, efficiently and equitably connect households, community anchor institutions, small businesses, and employers.

The Internet for All Act of 2021 is a critical step towards expediting the deployment of broadband infrastructure throughout California. This bill provides a vital pathway to connect California's workforce to gainful employment, harness the life-saving technology of telemedicine, democratize distance learning, enable precision agriculture, and sustain economic transactions in times of emergencies. For this reason, the Internet for All Act of 2021 has our full support.

Sincerely,

Marshall Long, Chair  
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Frank Bigelow