JOINT RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND BROADBAND AUTHORITY OF RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AUTHORIZING A <u>REGIONAL</u> VATI APPLICATION REQUIRING A LOCAL CONTRIBUTION

WHEREAS the Rappahannock County Broadband Authority ("RCBBA") entered into a regional Phase One Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with All Points Broadband Partners, LLC ("All Points") together with other partner local governments ("Partners"); and,

WHEREAS, as contemplated in the MOU, All Points provided the RCBBA and the Board of Supervisors with an "Initial Feasibility Study" during their joint public meeting held on September 1, 2021; and,

WHEREAS the Initial Feasibility Study identified a fiber to the home project ("Project") that could be constructed in such a way as to serve approximately 2,000 locations in Rappahannock County that are not currently served by wired, gigabit-capable broadband; and,

WHEREAS to align the Virginia Telecommunications Initiative ("VATI") grant application funding need for each of the Partners, All Points has recommended that each partner provide a local share equal to approximately 30% of the estimated total cost of the project specifically designed for their locality; and,

WHEREAS the Initial Feasibility Study indicated that the Rappahannock County Project, as detailed in the All Points presentation to the joint bodies on September 1, 2021, would consist of approximately 270 miles of fiber optic infrastructure at an overall cost of approximately \$19.4 million; and,

WHEREAS 30% the identified \$19.4 million Rappahannock County Project represents approximately a \$5.9 million local share.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rappahannock County Board of Supervisors and Rappahannock County Broadband Authority jointly find that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Rappahannock County that a VATI application be submitted with All Points prior to the September 14, 2021 grant deadline; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such a VATI grant application is hereby authorized and is directed to be submitted as a regional program together with other partners with a local Rappahannock County funding commitment equaling \$5.9 million; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Rappahannock County Board of Supervisors and Rappahannock County Broadband Authority is authorized to sign a letter addressed to the appropriate contact with the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development confirming the support of the joint bodies for a VATI application submitted by All Points and the RCBBA consistent with the form identified herein; and,

BE IT YET FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rappahannock County Board of Supervisors and Rappahannock County Broadband Authority are committed to working together to identify the most appropriate sources of funding to dedicate to the Project including the generous commitment of \$3.5 million from a local private donor.

Record of the roll-call vote on a motion to approve the foregoing resolution, said vote taken by the Board of Supervisors and the Rappahannock County Broadband Authority of Rappahannock County, Virginia, at their joint public meeting held at the Rappahannock County Courthouse, Town of Washington, Rappahannock County, Virginia, on September 7, 2021:

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Ronald L. Frazier							
Christine Smith			ABSTAIN				
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I certify the foregoing accurately reflects the actions of the Rappahannock County Broadband Authority taken at the time and place stated above.

Debbie P. Donehey

Chair, Broadband Authority

Margaret Bond

Secretary, Broadband Authority

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Debbie P. Donehey

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Garrey W. Curry, Jr.

Clerk for the Board of Supervisors