

**Cohoctah Township
County of Livingston, State of Michigan
Resolution**

**Resolution of Support for Surf Internet’s (Surf) Application for Funds from
the State of Michigan’s Realizing Opportunities with Broadband
Infrastructure Networks (ROBIN) Grant Program**

WHEREAS, Surf has already invested in Cohoctah Township, providing 1Gbps download/1Gbps upload fiber internet services through their own investment or previous joint efforts between Surf and Cohoctah Township, and

WHEREAS, state, federal, and local studies have demonstrated that all other Cohoctah Township’s current internet service providers do not meet the minimum fixed 100mbps download/20 mbps upload; and

WHEREAS, in early 2022, Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Legislature passed the Building Michigan Together Plan. The plan includes \$250.6 million to expand high-speed internet service to unserved locations in the state through the ROBIN Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, Surf desires to apply for funding from the ROBIN Grant Program to further expand Broadband service into Cohoctah Township; and

WHEREAS, there is strong support among Cohoctah Township residents for improved broadband services; and

WHEREAS, Cohoctah Township has already spent \$245,000 of its ARPA funds to connect residents to fiber internet, and has approximately \$75,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds remaining to put toward the project if funding is granted; and

WHEREAS, one of the approved uses of the funds is to invest in broadband in underserved and unserved areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Cohoctah Township supports Surf’s desire to apply for ROBIN funds and will offer a financial commitment of \$75,000, as a local contribution to be used to offset costs of constructing and building fiber to the home Broadband services in Cohoctah Township.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member _____

Second offered by Board Member _____

Upon roll call vote the following voted "Yes": _____

"No": _____

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Barbara Fear, Township Clerk

Date: _____