

**CITY OF HARTFORD
COUNTY OF VAN BUREN
STATE OF MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION 2024 - 026**



RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SUPPORT OF PROJECT COMPASS

At a Regular meeting of the City of Hartford Commission at 19 West Main Street called to order by Mayor Richard A. Hall on June 24, 2024 at 5:30p.m.

The following resolution was offered:

Moved by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____.

WHEREAS, Project Compass, formally referred to as the USDA Broadband Technical Assistance program, will help support both the development of the strategy and several other activities, including listening sessions, community sentiment surveys, feasibility studies, and other measures to both identify assets and challenges and guide the development of a formal strategy that looks at immediate and longer-term solutions to close the digital divide within Hartford; and

WHEREAS, the activities and deliverables will be of no cost to the city and will all derive from the grant and be paid for by Merit Network; and

WHEREAS, in collaboration with the task force, the Merit team will help in providing the following deliverables over the next year;

- Community Listening Tours
- Sentiment Surveys on Residents' Needs and Perceptions of Digital Access
- Feasibility Study (if needed/wanted) for an Infrastructure Buildout
- Grant Support - Including Identifying Funding Sources and Grant Narratives
- Development of the Digital Equity Task Force
- Training Materials for Digital Skills Building
- Participation in a Statewide Coalition to Build Knowledge and Identify Other Solutions

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The City of Hartford City Commissioners support Project Compass and approve staff collaborating with Merit Network to provide the abovementioned deliverables.

YEAS: Commissioner's

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

DATE: June 24, 2024

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk

I RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, Clerk for the City of Hartford, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the City Commission of the City of Hartford during a meeting held on June 24, 2024

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk
City of Hartford
19 West Main Street, Hartford MI 49057