RESOLUTION NO. 23-31

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THAT HUERFANO COUNTY IS A BROADBAND READY CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BY THE COLORADO BROADBAND OFFICE IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado recognizes the critical importance of fast, reliable, and affordable broadband internet access as a necessary tool for communities to engage in work, education, healthcare, and commerce; and

WHEREAS, Governor Jared Polis signed Executive Order D 2022 023, which establishes a goal of connecting 99% of Colorado households with access to high-speed broadband internet by 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Advanced Colorado Broadband grant programs will provide Colorado communities with state and funding on a competitive, matching basis to execute broadband projects; and

WHEREAS, to help local communities understand their role and ways they can plan and execute broadband projects, the Colorado Broadband Office developed the *Broadband Ready Community Checklist (BRCC)* – a set of tangible, voluntary, tasks that will help local communities and their partners successfully plan and execute broadband projects; and

WHEREAS, Huerfano County has demonstrated successful completion of the *Broadband Ready Checklist* and has been designated as a *Broadband Ready Certified Community* by the Colorado Broadband Office;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Huerfano County, Colorado that the following is hereby adopted:

- Section 1: The Huerfano County has been recognized as a *Broadband Ready Certified Community* by the Colorado Broadband Office and shall maintain certification for a period of three years from the date of certification letter.
- Section 2: The Huerfano County acknowledges *Broadband Ready Certified Community* designation is voluntary and not required to receive funding via the Advance Colorado Broadband grant programs.

Section 3: The Huerfano County acknowledges that the designation does not guarantee state and/or federal broadband funding, but will identify the community as a willing partner that has minimized barriers to broadband infrastructure deployment.

INTRODUCED, READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 27^{th} day of JUNE 2023.

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		BY John Galusha, Chairman
ATTEST:	TEST: ABLISHED 186	Arica Andreatta, Commissioner
County Clerk and Recorder and Ex-Officio Clerk to said Board		Karl Sporleder, Commissioner