## STATE OF LOUISIANA

## CITY OF WEST MONROE

| RESOLUTION NO | MOTION BY:   |
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|               | SECONDED BY: |

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SUBMISSION OF A FEDERAL NTIA BROADBAND GRANT APPLICATION FOR MIDDLE MILE FIBER, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2021, President Biden signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act into law; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned act includes several streams of federal funding designed to address the national priority of adequate broadband access and service for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has been charged with the investment of these federal funds to through a competitive grant application process in order to address several specific broadband needs and priories, and

WHEREAS, one of these grant programs administered by the NTIA called the "Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program" is beneficial to and complimentary of the public policy goal of adequate and affordable broadband for all who reside within City of West Monroe; and

WHEREAS, Conterra Networks wishes to work with the City of West Monroe to accomplish the shared public policy goal set forth above

WHEREAS, City of West Monroe desires to participate and join with other local governments and partners for the purpose of effectively seeking solutions to common problems faced by nearly all Jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, The City of West Monroe recognizes the importance of adequate, affordable, and accessible Broadband Service as a foundational prerequisite to our City's ongoing economic growth, the provision of healthcare services and the provision of educational services.

NOW, THEREFORE,

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened that the CITY OF WEST MONROE fully supports the application set forth for Broadband Middle Mile Grant funding offered through the NTIA.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened that the execution of

this Resolution shall serve as written substantiation of the City of West Monroe support of said application and at the time of adoption of this Resolution the City of West Monroe had lawful authority to adopt this Resolution and to confer authority to the persons named, who are hereby granted the power to exercise the same.

The above Resolution was read and considered by Sections at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in regular and legal session convened, voted on by yea and nay vote, passed and adopted this 16th day of August, 2022, the final vote being as follows:

| YEA:   |  |
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| NAY:   |  |
| NOT VOTING:  |  |
| ABSENT:  |  |
| ATTEST:  |  |
|  | APPROVED THIS 16TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2022                 |
| RONALD S. OLVEY, CITY CLERK<br>CITY OF WEST MONROE | STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR<br>CITY OF WEST MONROE |

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