

# OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

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## RESOLUTION NO. 24-158

### OF THE

## OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

9/20/2024

Drafted by: Ruben Zendejas

**RE:** In Support of the Grant Application for Submission for the NTIA Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program (NTIA-DECGP-2024)

**WHEREAS:** The Omaha Tribe of Nebraska is a federally recognized Indian tribe, organized under a constitution and bylaws approved by the Secretary of Interior on April 30, 1936, pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934; and

**WHEREAS:** pursuant to Article III, Sec.1 of the constitution of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, the governing body of the Omaha Tribe shall also be known as Tribal Council; and

**WHEREAS:** Article IV, Section 1 (a) of the Constitution of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska provides the Omaha Tribal Council with the power to negotiate with the Federal, State, and local governments on behalf of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS:** Article IV, Section 1 (j) of the Constitution of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska provides the Omaha Tribal Council with the power to safeguard and promote the economy and general welfare of the Omaha Tribe; and

**WHEREAS:** Article IV, Section 1 (m) To adopt resolutions regulating the procedures of the Tribal Council itself and of other Tribal agencies and Tribal offices; and

**WHEREAS:** Reliable mobile internet service and digital identities are essential to participate in the current so-called gig-economy, education, healthcare delivery and the opportunity for all to participate fully in economic development, especially those members who are considered at-risk by the NTIA-DECGP-2024; and

**WHEREAS:** Digital Inclusion and Digital Equity goals of the Omaha Tribe is for its enrolled members both on and off of the Reservation is to sustainably provide affordable telecommunications services; maintain and advance the efficiency and availability of telecommunications services; and ensure its members living within and around the

exterior boundaries of the reservation have access to a reliable and consistent digital identity; and

**WHEREAS:** The Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program provides funding to support efforts to achieve Digital Equity, promote Digital Inclusion activities, and spur greater adoption and meaningful use of broadband among the Covered Populations; and

**WHEREAS:** The Omaha Tribal Council agrees to comply with all applicable laws, environmental requirements, and regulations as stated in the Notice of Funding Opportunity under CFDA Number 11.036 – the Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program, and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Omaha Tribal Council finds it is in the best interest of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska to endorse the Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program as a step towards achieving future-proof Broadband Access, Digital Inclusion and Digital Equity; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** the Omaha Tribal Council adopts this Resolution in support of the Omaha Tribe’s application for funding under the NTIA Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program (NTIA-DECGP-2024) in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** Due to the rules of the NTIA-DECGP-2024 not allowing an in-kind donation from the Tribally owned and controlled telecommunications utilities Quick Current-Nebraska LLC and Quick Current-Iowa LLC, and due to any cash contribution from the Tribe would create an economic hardship on the Omaha Tribe and its enrolled members; the Omaha Tribe, via this resolution, requests a full waiver of the non-Federal cost sharing requirement of the Digital Equity Competitive Grant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** if awarded a Grant, the Omaha Tribe will require the Quick Current Entities to contribute no less than 10% of the value of the award via in kind use of the Quick Current Entities licensed spectrum, the labor required to install Radio Access Network equipment, transport, collocation and internet access: and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** Ruben Zendejas, as an Enrolled Tribal member is hereby authorized as an Authorized Person on behalf of the Tribe (the “Authorized Person”). Further, as the Authorized Person, he may provide electronic signatures, authorizing certifications, entering, and updating applications, submitting applications for consideration, and assigning access to new users in NTIA’s online application system for the Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program, and to execute and deliver any other document, instrument or certificate and to perform such further and additional actions as may be necessary or convenient in order to effectuate the foregoing resolutions. If the application is awarded under the program the Authorized Person, on behalf of the Tribe, as the Representative-Signature-Certifier security role on behalf of the Tribe shall also be responsible for authorizing certifications, entering, updating, and submitting compliance


reports, and assigning access to new users in NTIA's online financial reporting and compliance systems.

**CERTIFICATION**

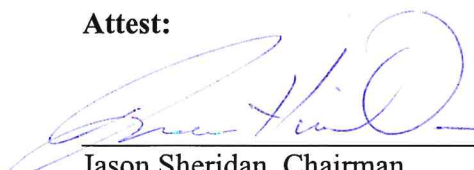
This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was considered at a duly called meeting of the Omaha Tribal Council on the 20 day of September, 2024, and was adopted by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against; 1 abstaining; with the Chairman not voting. A quorum of 6 was present.

MEMBERS VOTE:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Jason Sheridan			Abstain
Jerome Hamilton	X		
Dustin Lovejoy	X		
Alan Harlan	X		
Leander Merrick			Absent
Galen Aldrich SR	X		
Calvin Harlan	X		

Submitted by:

 9/23/24  
 Dustin Lovejoy, Secretary Date  
 Omaha Tribal Council

Attest:

 Per Chairman 9-23-24  
 Jason Sheridan, Chairman Date  
 Omaha Tribal Council