

OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

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RESOLUTION NO. 24- 97

OF THE

OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

RE: Grant Application Submission for the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) ReConnect Program

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 (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: Broadband and cellular networks that provide internet access are essential infrastructure to support the community and to generate economic benefits, to create jobs, enable access to educational resources, provide remote healthcare delivery and the opportunity for all to participate fully in economic development; and

WHEREAS: the broadband and cellular goals of the Tribe include: (1)- supporting and providing affordable telecommunications services; (2)-maintaining and advancing the efficiency and availability of telecommunications services; and (3)- ensuring that unserved and underserved areas on tribal and non-contiguous trust lands receive broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS: The United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) provides funding for the construction and improvement of broadband infrastructure through the ReConnect grant program for areas that are unserved or underserved; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Omaha Tribal Council certifies that tribal lands in Nebraska and Iowa are known as the Proposed Funded Service Area are currently unserved by existing telecommunications providers; and further that no service providers have adequately and meaningfully collaborated with the Tribe in those areas to bring broadband and/or cellular service to this tribal land area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Omaha Tribal Council finds it in the Tribe's best interest to apply for the Rural eConnectivity(ReConnect) Program for Fiscal Year 2024 via application 101002007 or a replacement application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Tribe grants this Resolution of Consent in support of this ReConnect grant application and authorizes Mr. Ruben Zendejas to make all necessary commitments by the Tribe on its behalf including but not limited to the inclusion of Quick Current-Nebraska LLC as the operating company of the services pursuant to the grant and any such other commitments as required by the Tribe pursuant to the February 21,2024 ReConnect Program Guide; or Certifications required by the Tribe when utilizing the USDA Reconnect Application Portal.

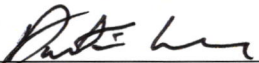
CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was considered at a duly called meeting of the Omaha Tribal Council on the 21 day of May, 2024, and was adopted by a vote of: 9 for; 0 against; 1 abstaining; with the Chairman not voting. A quorum of 5 was present.

MEMBERS VOTE:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Jason Sheridan			<u>Abstain</u>

Jerome Hamilton	X		
Dustin Lovejoy	X		
Alan Harlan	X		
Leander Merrick			Absent
Galen Aldrich Sr.			Absent
Calvin Harlan	X		

Submitted by:

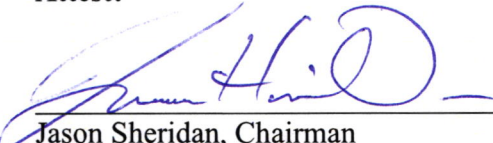


 Dustin Lovejoy, Secretary
 Omaha Tribal Council

5/21/24

 Date

Attest:



 Jason Sheridan, Chairman
 Omaha Tribal Council

5/21/24

 Date