

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CITY BROADBAND INITIATIVE  
BY MARQUETTE BOARD OF LIGHT AND POWER**

At a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Marquette (the “Commission”) held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021;

PRESENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

The following Resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes that reliable, high-speed, affordable access to the internet is imperative for Marquette area residents, businesses, non-profits, and visitors, as well as a driving force for the current and future economy; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are increasingly prioritizing internet infrastructure as an essential service, along with other utilities such as electricity; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Light and Power of the City of Marquette (the “MBLP”) has invested in a feasibility study to explore the potential benefit and financial viability of offering fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) broadband internet service to its customers inside and outside the City of Marquette; and

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Marquette places all municipal utilities under control of the City except the “electric light and power utilities”, which it reserves to the control of the MBLP; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that the MBLP, as a municipal electric company, is uniquely suited to offer broadband internet service due to the overlap in infrastructure required to provide electric and fiber optic internet services, as well as MBLP’s existing “fiber loop” which has existed approximately 15 years in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City does not intend to offer broadband internet service as a utility

and agrees the MBLP is best positioned to offer and control broadband internet service, should the MBLP decide to offer it as a utility in addition to electrical service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION, as follows:

1. The City supports the MBLP's exploration of broadband internet service as a potential additional utility in the City to be offered and controlled by the MBLP.

2. The City welcomes any future requests by the MBLP to adapt City ordinances and, if necessary, the Charter, to facilitate the offering of broadband internet service as an additional municipal utility by the MBLP.

3. This resolution shall be in effect from and after its adoption.

YEAS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

**CERTIFICATE**

I certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Commission of the City of Marquette, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, and that notice of said meeting was given, the meeting was held and the minutes therefor were filed in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No.267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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Secretary