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**#10**

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EXTRACT OF THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, 8201 WEST JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE, CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021 AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Ms. Callais, seconded by Mr. Moran, it was moved to adopt the following resolution:

## **RESOLUTION SBPC #2090-01-21**

A RESOLUTION OF THE ST. BERNARD PARISH COUNCIL TO THE LOUISIANA SENATE AND THE LOUISIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES URGING LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION WHICH WILL INVEST IN THE INSTALLATION OF HIGH SPEED INTERNET FOR RURAL LOUISIANA.

**WHEREAS**, the St. Bernard Parish Council strives to enhance the quality of life of its residents, both personally and economically; and,

**WHEREAS**, high-speed internet service has become a necessary component to participating in the modern economy, healthcare and education, but this service is unavailable or of an inadequate quality for many residents; and,

**WHEREAS**, the residents of St. Bernard Parish deserve the same educational, medical and economic opportunities as citizens in parishes served by high speed internet; and,

**WHEREAS**, neighboring states of our region have invested in the development of broadband infrastructure at varying levels, while Louisiana has made no financial investment thus far; and,

**WHEREAS**, legislation has been passed over the past year to allow opportunities for installation by private providers using the infrastructure of the Rural Electric Cooperative and the Cooperatives themselves have been given permission to expand into broadband from the Public Service Commission recently; and,

**WHEREAS**, legislation has been passed this year to establish a Louisiana Office of Broadband that will allow a designated state office to seek funds and distribute in order to promote broadband installation in Louisiana; and,

**WHEREAS**, various departments of the Federal Government have made funds available for expansion of broadband targeted to rural areas. These funds provide an initial step toward bridging the digital divide; and,



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January 5, 2021

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the St. Bernard Parish Council, the Governing Authority, urges the Louisiana Legislature to pass legislation which will invest in the installation of high speed internet for rural Louisiana.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

**YEAS:** Moran, Alcon, Everhardt, Callais

**NAYS:** McCloskey

**ABSENT:** Luna

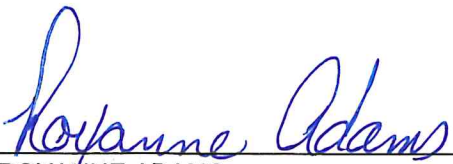
The Council Chair, Mr. Lewis, cast his vote as **YEA**.

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

## CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a motion adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Parish of St. Bernard, held at Chalmette, Louisiana, on Tuesday, January 5, 2021.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Parish of St. Bernard on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

  
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ROXANNE ADAMS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL