

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN:
Your County Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is the mission of Berrien County to provide leadership, cooperation with all units of government, sound fiscal management, and planning, thereby promoting public safety, health, well-being and prosperity in order to improve the quality of life for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners, via resolution #F2203218, authorized the use of \$6 million dollars from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to be used for the purposes of investing in broadband infrastructure in the underserved and unserved areas of Berrien County; and

WHEREAS, via Resolution #B2201191, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners established a grant application process that local municipalities could follow to apply for a portion of the \$6 million dollars for broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, members of the Berrien County Broadband Internet Taskforce (BCBIT) receive and review the applications from local municipalities for use of those ARPA funds; and

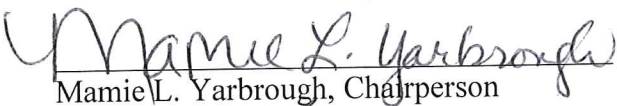
WHEREAS, according to census data, Bainbridge Township has 1,209 households of which 765 are lacking broadband; and

WHEREAS, the BCBIT reviewed the attached grant application from Bainbridge Township and recommend approval of their request for \$562,500: To fund the construction of 15 miles of last-mile fiber optic broadband infrastructure to provide up to 1Gbps broadband service; and

WHEREAS, members of the BCBIT took the recommendation to the Finance Committee and they concurred.

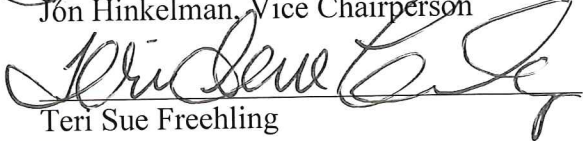
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes the grant application from Bainbridge Township for \$562,500 in ARPA funds for the purposes of constructing 15 miles of fiber optic broadband infrastructure and authorizes the Chairperson to sign the grant agreement with Bainbridge Township officials.

**Respectfully submitted,
BERRIEN COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE**


Mamie L. Yarbrough, Chairperson


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RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM
Administrative BD Date 4-20
Comments/Attached _____
Corporate Counsel TM Date 4/20/22