

**Niles Charter Township
County of Berrien, State of Michigan
Resolution 23-07 Support for Internet Service Provider Application for Funds from the
State of Michigan's Realizing Opportunities with Broadband Infrastructure Networks
(ROBIN) Grant Program**

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Broadband Internet Task Force's studies have demonstrated that areas within Niles Charter Township do not meet the FCC's definition of broadband services (minimum fixed 25 mbps download/3 mbps upload); and

WHEREAS, in early 2022, Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Legislature passed the Building Michigan Together Plan. The plan includes \$250.6 million to expand high-speed internet service to unserved locations in the state through the ROBIN Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, Internet Service Providers (ISPs) may desire to apply for funding from the ROBIN Grant Program to expand Broadband service into Niles Charter Township; and

WHEREAS, there is strong interest and support among Niles Charter Township residents for improved broadband services; and

WHEREAS, Niles Charter Township is in receipt of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds; and

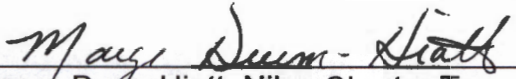
WHEREAS, one of the approved uses of the funds is to invest in broadband in underserved and unserved areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Niles Charter Township supports ISPs desires to apply for ROBIN funds and will offer a maximum financial commitment of \$73,400.00 ***as a local contribution to be used to offset costs of constructing and building fiber Broadband services in Niles Charter Township. (***)Provided ISP is awarded ROBIN funding, the actual amount of local funding will be based upon the following formula: number of Municipality parcels the ISP provides fiber service to utilizing ROBIN funds over the current Niles Charter Township unserved parcels (currently 367 per the Berrien County BCBIT Dashboard.)

Cooper motioned to adopt Resolution 23-07 to support internet service provider application for funds from the State of Michigan's Realizing Opportunities with Broadband Infrastructure Networks Grant Program. Vella supported.

Roll Call Ayes: Hoese, Pulaski, Ringler, Vella, Durm-Hiatt, Cooper, Eull
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
Abstain: None.

The Supervisor declared the resolution 23-07 adopted March 6, 2023.

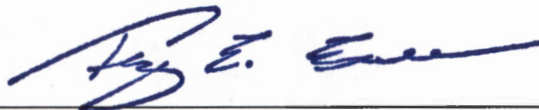


Marge Durn-Hiatt, Niles Charter Township Supervisor

Date: March 6, 2023

Certification:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Niles Charter Township, County of Berrien, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, held on the 6th day of March, 2023, and that said Meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given, pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the Minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Terry E. Eull, Niles Charter Township Clerk