Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

CLLR-2026-1116-02 **Date: November 16, 2026**

Approval of BEAD Deployment Throughout the Four County Service Area

WHEREAS, the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina (the "Tribe") serves Tribal members in Robeson, Cumberland, Hoke, and Scotland counties, North Carolina, and seeks to expand their access to reliable high-speed internet and the skills and resources needed to use it; and

WHEREAS, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration ("NTIA") administers the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment ("BEAD") Program, and the North Carolina Department of Information Technology, through its Division of Broadband and Digital Opportunity ("State Broadband Office"), administers North Carolina's BEAD implementation; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's BEAD planning and implementation identify eligible unserved and underserved locations and eligible community anchor institutions for broadband deployment, and North Carolina's Final Proposal and BEAD awards have received NTIA approval; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe supports implementation of BEAD-funded broadband deployment throughout its four-county service area, consistent with North Carolina's NTIA-approved Final Proposal and applicable BEAD requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe intends to pursue complementary activities through NTIA's Native Entities Grant Program ("NEGP"), Funding Opportunity Number 2026-NTIA-NEGP, including computer access, digital skills instruction, educational coursework, and assistance with broadband adoption and use; and

WHEREAS, the amended NEGP Notice of Funding Opportunity identifies a priority for applications from a Tribal Government or its designee that has issued a Tribal Resolution approving deployment of BEAD services on its lands, and provides for submission of that resolution consistent with the State Broadband Office's Final Proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe intends this resolution to express its affirmative approval of BEAD deployment across its service area and its consent to deployment on lands within that area over which the Tribe has authority to provide such consent;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina adopts the following:

1. Four county approval

The Tribe expressly approves and supports BEAD-funded deployment of broadband infrastructure and services throughout Robeson, Cumberland, Hoke, and Scotland counties, North Carolina, consistent with North Carolina's NTIA-approved BEAD Final Proposal and applicable program requirements. This approval includes BEAD deployment serving eligible locations within these counties and is not limited to the locations at which the Tribe proposes to install computers or deliver NEGP activities.

2. Consent on Tribal lands

Within this geographic scope, the Tribe expressly approves and consents to deployment of BEAD-funded broadband infrastructure and services on the Tribe's lands to the extent the Tribe has legal authority to provide consent, consistent with the State Broadband Office's NTIA-approved Final Proposal. Identification of the four-county service area does not represent that every parcel within those counties is owned by the Tribe, is Tribal Land under BEAD requirements, or is subject to the Tribe's authority to consent.

3. Coordination and deployment records

The Chairman or a duly authorized designee is authorized to coordinate with the State Broadband Office, NTIA, and BEAD subgrantees to document the deployment covered by this resolution, including relevant projects, providers, lands, maps, Broadband Serviceable Location identifiers, and project schedules as required. Supporting records may be transmitted with this resolution. Administrative documentation shall not expand the Tribe's authority or materially change the consent granted here; changes requiring further Tribal approval shall follow applicable Tribal procedures.

4. Complementary NEGP activities

The Tribe supports complementary NEGP activities benefiting eligible Tribal members throughout all four service counties. Proposed computer access sites may be located throughout the four counties represented by the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina's designated tribal service area. A computer access site is not, solely by virtue of its selection, represented to be a BEAD-funded location. Staff shall document actual connections between NEGP activities and BEAD deployment and avoid duplication of previously funded activities.

5. Transmission and application use

The Chairman or duly authorized designee is authorized to transmit this resolution and supporting documentation to the State Broadband Office and NTIA, include them in the Tribe's NEGP application, and seek confirmation of the documentation required to establish applicable Tribal consent and NEGP priority. This resolution does not itself determine federal priority status or guarantee funding.

6. Conditions and duration

This resolution takes effect upon adoption. Consent applies during deployment and the applicable BEAD service obligation period for covered projects, subject to controlling law and required project agreements. Deployment remains subject to applicable landowner approvals, rights-of-way, easements, permits, environmental and historic preservation requirements, and cultural resource protections. This resolution does not convey any property interest, authorize expenditures or matching commitments, waive sovereign immunity, or relinquish Tribal jurisdiction or property rights.

Certification

This CLLR-2026-1116-02 "APPROVAL OF BEAD DEPLOYENT THROUGHOUT THE FOUR COUNTY SERVICE AREA" ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE TWENTY-ONE (21) MEMBER TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA WHERE 20 MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, CONSTITUING A QUORUM, THIS IS THE 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026, BY A VOTE OF VOTE OF 20 YES 0 NO, AND 0 ABSTENTION(S).

11/16/2024

ATTEST: ALBERT ALEXANDER BAKER — Date

Speaker, Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

Chocajuana Oxendine 11-16-24

ATTEST: CHOCAJUANA OXENDINE — Date

Secretary, Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

ROLL CALL VOTE RESULTS TO ADOPT

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NOVEMBER 16, 2026

_20_ FOR, _0_ AGAINST, _0_ ABSTENTION(S)

District 1:	Billy Oxendine	YES
District 2:	Graylen Mitchell	ABSENT
District 3:	Harold Smith	YES
District 4:	Jody Bullard	YES
District 5:	Carrington Locklear	YES
District 6:	Larry Chavis	YES
District 7:	Rubalena Locklear	YES
District 8:	Kathy Hunt	YES
District 9:	Johnny Bell	YES
District 10:	Bobby Emanuel	YES
District 11:	Chocajuana Oxendine	YES
District 12:	Josephine Doss	YES
District 13:	Alex Baker	YES
District 14:	Homer Fields	YES
District 15:	Sharon Hunt	YES
District 16:	Nanci Locklear	YES
District 17:	Sandra Dial	YES
District 18:	Mary Locklear	YES
District 19:	Larry Soles	YES
District 20:	Rudy Locklear	YES
District 21:	Eric Chavis	YES