

LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CLLR-2026-0820-002

Date: 08/20/2026

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT: THE TRIBAL BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM APPLICATION, AUTHORIZING THE LUMBEE TRIBE TO PARTNER WITH LREMC TECHNOLOGIES, LLC D/B/A RIVR TECH.

WHEREAS, The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina ("Lumbee Tribe") is a federally recognized American Indian Tribe, governed by the Constitution of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina ("Tribal Constitution") and vested with inherent powers of self-government, and;

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 1 of the Tribal Constitution delegates all legislative authority to the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina ("Tribal Council"); and;

WHEREAS, Reliable, affordable, and high-speed broadband service is essential to support education, telehealth, workforce development, emergency services, economic development, governmental operations, and digital inclusion for Lumbee citizens throughout Robeson, Hoke, Scotland, Cumberland, and surrounding service areas; and;

WHEREAS, Many Lumbee households continue to face barriers to obtaining affordable broadband services due to economic hardship, geographic location, and the lack of sufficient broadband infrastructure and adoption programs; and

WHEREAS, The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has announced the 2026 Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (TBCP), which provides funding to federally recognized Tribes for broadband infrastructure deployment, affordable broadband programs, telehealth, distance learning, digital inclusion, workforce development, and broadband adoption activities;

WHEREAS, The Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program authorizes federally recognized Tribal Governments to apply for grant funding to deploy broadband infrastructure and implement programs that increase broadband adoption while encouraging partnerships that maximize the effectiveness of federal investments and complement existing broadband initiatives;

WHEREAS, LREMC Technologies, LLC, doing business as RIVR Tech, is a regional broadband provider affiliated with Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation and has demonstrated its commitment to expanding fiber broadband infrastructure and affordable telecommunications services throughout southeastern North Carolina;

WHEREAS, The Lumbee Tribe desires to collaborate with RIVR Tech and other qualified partners to pursue funding opportunities that will expand broadband infrastructure, improve broadband affordability, promote digital equity, strengthen telehealth and remote learning opportunities, increase workforce readiness, and improve economic opportunities for Tribal members; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Lumbee Tribal Council hereby expresses its full support for a strategic partnership between the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina and LREMC Technologies, LLC d/b/a RIVR Tech for the purpose of jointly pursuing funding through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program.

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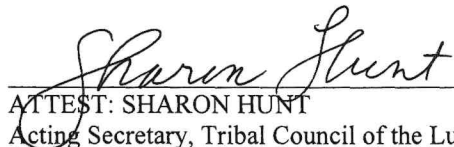


ATTEST: BOBBY EMANUEL

Vice Chair, Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

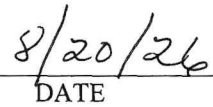


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ATTEST: SHARON HUNT

Acting Secretary, Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina



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ROLL CALL VOTE RESULTS TO ADOPT

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AUGUST 20, 2026

18 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSENTION(S)

DISTRICT 1:	BILLY OXENDINE	YES
DISTRICT 2:	GRAYLEN MITCHELL	YES
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	ABSENT
DISTRICT 9:	JOHNNY BELL	YES
DISTRICT 10:	BOBBY EMANUEL	YES
DISTRICT 11:	CHOCAJUANA OXENDINE	ABSENT
DISTRICT 12:	JOSEPHINE DOSS	YES
DISTRICT 13:	ALEX BAKER	ABSENT
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