

# LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CLLR-2022-0217-01

DATE: February 17, 2022

## **“RESOLUTION of CONSENT AND SUPPORT for the ATLANTIC TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION (dba. FOCUS BROADBAND) BROADBAND HIGH-SPEED INTERNET PROJECT on LUMBEE TRIBAL LAND in NORTH CAROLINA”**

**WHEREAS**, The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina (“Lumbee Tribe”) is a recognized American Indian Tribe of the State of North Carolina, subject to the Constitution of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina (“Tribal Constitution”) and its inherent powers and 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**, The Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina takes oath to promote the economic well-being of the Lumbee people; and,

**WHEREAS**, A significant number of homes and businesses are currently without access to fast, reliable, high-speed internet service in areas that are home to members of the Lumbee Tribe, and this lack of access to high-speed internet has put our Tribe, and specifically our school children, at a significant disadvantage; and,

**WHEREAS**, Faster internet service provided through this project would greatly improve and expand the opportunities available to all members of the Tribe for educational advancement, career enhancement, access to health care options, increased safety options, and a better quality of life; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation (dba. FOCUS BROADBAND) has a long history of bringing state-of-the-art fiber optic high-speed internet service to unserved, rural areas; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The Tribal Government of the LUMBEE TRIBE of NORTH CAROLINA supports and encourages Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation (dba. FOCUS BROADBAND) to build and provide high-speed internet in areas designated as Lumbee Tribal Territory/Land which includes ROBESON, SCOTLAND, HOKE AND CUMBERLAND COUNTY in North Carolina; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, The Tribal Government of the LUMBEE TRIBE of NORTH CAROLINA approves the construction of a network for the proliferation of high-speed internet service in the public right-of-way of land owned by the Tribe for the purpose of serving areas which are today without service and offers its full support to Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation (dba. FOCUS BROADBAND) to obtain any grants for which they may apply to achieve this purpose.

**CERTIFICATION**

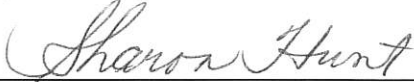
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0 RECUSE



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ATTEST: RICKY BURNETT  
Speaker, Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

Date



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ATTEST: SHARON HUNT  
Secretary, Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

Date

**ROLL CALL VOTE RESULTS TO ADOPT**

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**18 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTENTION(S)**

District 1:	Billy Oxendine	YES
District 2:	Sharon Hunt	YES
	Gerald Goolsby	YES
District 3:	Harold Smith	YES
	Pam Hunt	YES
District 4:	Jody Bullard	YES
District 5:	Wendy Moore	ABSENT
	Carrington Locklear	YES
District 6:	Larry Chavis	YES
	Richard Jones	YES
District 7:	Nanci Locklear	YES
	Yvonne Dial	YES
	<i>Vacant</i>	
District 8:	Corbin Eddings	ABSENT
District 9:	Dewey J McNeill	YES
District 10:	Bobby Emanuel	YES
District 11:	Chocajuana Oxendine	YES
District 12:	Shelley Strickland	YES
	Annie Taylor	YES
District 13:	Ricky Burnett	YES
District 14:	Homer Fields	YES