

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor John Tavaglione

SUBMITTAL DATE: June 5, 2012

SUBJECT: Authorization and Approval of Resolution No. 2012-139, Resolution In Support Of ***Get Connected!***

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors Authorize and Approve Resolution 2012-139 in Support of ***Get Connected!*** California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) has asked agencies to support the Get Connected program and support for broadband and digital inclusion in their counties.

BACKGROUND: According to California Emerging Technology Fund, 46 of 58 counties statewide have passed the ***Get Connected!*** resolution. By adopting this resolution and supporting the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF), the County of Riverside will help position California to receive broadband funds from the federal government. Sunne McPeak, CEO and President of CETF, has been working diligently to bring Broadband Technology to all Californians, and by passing this resolution the County of Riverside can help position our area for these improvements.

John Tavaglione, Supervisor
Second District

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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-139**

4 **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF *Get Connected!***

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6 **WHEREAS**, closing the Digital Divide is vital to the economic prosperity and quality of life
7 for residents in the County of Riverside and throughout California; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, the County of Riverside finds and declares that high-speed Internet
10 access—referred to generically as “broadband” and including both wireline and wireless
11 technologies—is essential 21st Century infrastructure in a digital world and global economy; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, the County of Riverside recognizes that California is home to a wellspring of
14 innovation that has given rise to the evolution of broadband and other information technologies,
15 however Californians’ adoption and use of broadband technology is only approximately
16 equivalent to the national average; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, the County of Riverside acknowledges that 38% of all Californians, 40% of
19 low-income households, are not connected to the Internet with broadband, leaving more than 14
20 million Californians without high-speed Internet access at home; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, the County of Riverside is committed to helping families and children be
23 healthy, productive and self-sufficient and realizes that the use of broadband can save both time
24 and money for residents while helping them bridge the economic divide; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, the County of Riverside is committed to helping students obtain the highest-
27 quality education possible incorporating digital literacy and understands that high-speed Internet
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1 connectivity and the availability of computing devices both at school and at home are critical
2 teaching and learning tools for academic achievement; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, the County of Riverside is committed to reducing its carbon footprint and
5 recognizes that broadband is a strategic “green” technology that decreases greenhouse gas
6 emissions and dependence on foreign oil by enabling e-government and the provision of more
7 services online; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, the County of Riverside is committed to Digital Inclusion and increasing
10 citizen participation in the public process through expanded engagement using broadband; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, the County of Riverside recognizes that it has the opportunity to impact
13 broadband deployment and adoption in its several local government roles and responsibilities,
14 including as a policy leader, planning body, land use approval agency, purchaser-consumer of
15 communications equipment and information technology, and a service provider; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, the County of Riverside welcomes the opportunity to partner with the
18 California Emerging Technology Fund along with the Governor, Legislature, other local
19 governments, civic leaders, community organizations, employers, labor representatives,
20 educators, and policymakers to encourage adoption of broadband technology; and

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22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that County of Riverside hereby joins with the
23 California Emerging Technology Fund in launching and promoting ***Get Connected!*** —a public
24 awareness program to close the Digital Divide—and declares 2012 as the target year for all
25 residents, businesses and community organizations to ***Get Connected!***

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors
2 authorize the use of their names as champions of ***Get Connected!*** on the websites of the
3 California Emerging Technology Fund (www.CETFund.org and www.GetConnectedToday.com)
4 and in printed materials pertaining to ***Get Connected!***
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6 **ROLL CALL:**

7 **AYES:**

8 **NOES:**

9 **ABSENT:**

10 **ABSTAIN:**

County of Riverside

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Riverside

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