

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE  
COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING SUPPORT FOR )  
*GET CONNECTED! AND CALL TO ACTION* )**

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-143**

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

WHEREAS, Amador County finds and declares that high-speed Internet access—referred to generically as “broadband” and including both wireline and wireless technologies—is essential 21<sup>st</sup> Century infrastructure in a digital world and global economy; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Amador County supports helping families and children be healthy, productive and self-sufficient and realizes that the use of broadband can save both time and money for residents while helping them bridge the economic divide; and

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

WHEREAS, Amador County is committed to enabling e-government and the provision of more services online; and

WHEREAS, Amador County is committed to Digital Inclusion and increasing citizen participation in the public process through expanded engagement using broadband; and

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

WHEREAS, Amador County welcomes the opportunity to partner with the California Emerging Technology Fund along with the Governor, Legislature, other local governments, civic leaders, community organizations, employers, labor representatives, educators, and policymakers to encourage adoption of broadband technology.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Amador County hereby joins with the California Emerging Technology Fund in launching and promoting *Get Connected!*—a public awareness program to close the Digital Divide—and declares 2010 as a target year for all residents, businesses and community organizations to *Get Connected!*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Amador County Board of Supervisors requests its departments and agencies as appropriate to review scopes of responsibilities, work plans, and services to identify and report back to the Board of Supervisors on the strategic actions that will remove barriers to and promote the deployment and adoption of broadband among residents, customers, and recipients of public services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Amador County Board of Supervisors directs that appropriate policies promoting and supporting the deployment and adoption of broadband be promulgated and incorporated into the General Plan and other appropriate land use and economic development plans.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Amador County Board of Supervisors directs the County Administrative Officer and other appropriate departments to determine how to optimize the use of broadband technology to inform and engage residents to increase citizen participation in the public processes of governance and expand Digital Inclusion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Amador County Board of Supervisors will seek to cooperate and share the results of *Get Connected!* with neighboring jurisdictions and other public agencies and shall post this resolution on the [county or city] website for appropriate distribution to other local governments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Amador County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the use of their names as champions of *Get Connected!* on the websites of the California Emerging Technology Fund ([www.CETFund.org](http://www.CETFund.org) and [www.GetConnectedToday.com](http://www.GetConnectedToday.com)) and in printed materials pertaining to *Get Connected!*

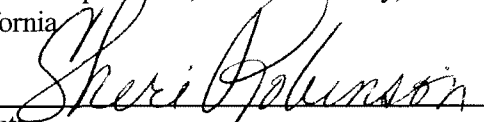
The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2010 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Theodore F. Novelli, Richard M. Forster, Louis D. Boitano,  
Brian Oneto and John Plasse

  
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Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

JENNIFER BURNS, Clerk of the  
Board of Supervisors, Amador County,  
California

  
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Deputy