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## RESOLUTION # 2021-19

### A RESOLUTION OF THE MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REGIONAL PROJECT & FULLY SUPPORT THE APPLICATION INCLUDING PROVIDING LOCAL MATCHING FUNDING

**WHEREAS**, Madison County is committed to bringing universal broadband internet access to its citizens across the county within the next three years, and

**WHEREAS**, Firefly Fiber Broadband, Dominion Energy and Rappahannock Electric Cooperative have developed a regional internet service expansion project with the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission as the lead applicant with the county being one of multiple counties included in the project to make fiber to the home broadband internet service available to the unserved locations in the county, and


**WHEREAS**, the preliminary planning for the regional project has identified 3,204 locations in the county as being unserved without access to speeds faster than 25 mbps download or 3 mbps upload, and the preliminary design includes 395 miles of fiber optic cable to be installed in the county to make service available to those locations, with a cost estimate of \$25,675,000 for the construction, creating a need for additional grant funding to make the project financially feasible, and

**WHEREAS**, this project will seek grant funds from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development through its Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) with an application on or before 14 September 2021, and that application process provides additional scoring points for local contributions to the project, then

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Madison County will participate in the regional project and fully support the application including providing local matching funding not to exceed \$2,563,200.

Adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021, by the Madison County Board of Supervisors, on motion of Supervisor McGhee, seconded by Supervisor Hoffman.

  
R. Clay Jackson, Chair  
Madison County Board of Supervisors

Attest:  Jonathon Weakley, Clerk of the Board

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
R. Clay Jackson	X			
Charlotte Hoffman	X			
Kevin McGhee	X			
Amber Foster	X			
Carty Yowell	X			