PANOLA COUNTY TEXAS RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SUBMISSION OF A FEDERAL NTIA BROADBAND GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2021, President Biden signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act into law; and

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WHEREAS, the aforementioned act includes several streams of federal funding designed to address the national priority of adequate broadband access and service for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has been charged with the investment of these federal funds to through a competitive grant application process in order to address several specific broadband needs and priories, and

WHEREAS, one of these grant programs administered by the NTIA called the "Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program" is beneficial to and complimentary of the public policy goal of adequate and affordable broadband for all who reside within Panola County; and

WHEREAS, Conterra Networks wishes to partner with the County and The East Texas Council of Governments to accomplish the shared public policy goal set forth above;

WHEREAS, Panola County desires to participate and join with other local governments and partners for the purpose of effectively seeking regional solutions to common problems faced by nearly all Jurisdiction in the East Texas Region; and

WHEREAS, Panola County recognizes the importance of adequate, affordable, and accessible Broadband Service in all fourteen East Texas Counties as a foundational prerequisite to our region's ongoing economic growth, the provision of healthcare services and the provision of educational services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the PANOLA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT fully supports the application set forth for Broadband Middle Mile Grant funding offered through the NTIA.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the execution of this Resolution shall serve as written substantiation of the Commissioners Court support of said application and at the time of adoption of this Resolution the Commissioners Court had lawful authority to adopt this Resolution and to confer authority to the persons named, who are hereby granted the power to exercise the same.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution duly adopted by

PANOLA COUNTY, Texas, on the 30th day of August 2022, and that the same now appears of record in its official minutes.

30th day of august Adopted and approved this 2022. Date: 8-30-22 By (Representative) rano oun und Title 0 NERS COUP annununun annun ATTEST: N Date: 8 30 7