

**RESOLUTION TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF CARROLL COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NTIA BROADBAND
INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM OR THE GEORGIA OPB PROGRAM AND
MAKE A MATCH CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE GRANT**

WHEREAS, there is a pressing need for broadband capabilities to be extended to unserved portions of the County; and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2021, the U.S. Department of Commerce’s National Telecommunications and Information Administration (“NTIA”) issued a Notice of Federal Funding Opportunity (“NOFO”) announcing the availability of broadband funding for states and political subdivisions under its Broadband Infrastructure Program (“NTIA Grant”), authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Division N, Title IX, Section 905, Public Law 116-260, 134 Stat. 1182 (Dec. 27, 2020) (Act); and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA; P.L. 117-2) was enacted; among other things, the ARPA allocates federal funding to the state of Georgia that may be utilized to broadband deployments in unserved areas of the State; and the Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget has announced the availability of this funding in the form of broadband grants (“OPB Grant”); and

WHEREAS, the County, acting through the Development Authority of Carroll County, intends to apply for NTIA Grant and OPB Grant funds for the construction of broadband facilities to serve unserved areas of the County and designate DoveTel Communications, LLC (d/b/a “SyncGlobal”) as its designated broadband provider; and

WHEREAS, if awarded an NTIA Grant or OPB Grant, the County, acting through the Development Authority of Carroll County, intends to comply with all applicable grant requirements, and all other applicable Georgia and federal laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the County, acting through the Development Authority of Carroll County, intends to join a consortium to file a single joint application for both the NTIA Grant and OPB Grant comprised of several West Georgia counties, with SyncGlobal designated as the broadband provider, that will allow the participating counties to collectively realize the efficiencies and economies of scale of designing, developing, and implementing a regional contiguous fiber optic network that will enable broadband service to be extended to the greatest number of unserved locations in the fastest and most cost effective manner; and

WHEREAS, the County, acting through the Development Authority of Carroll County, desires to provide a match of funding for either the NTIA Grant or the OPB Grant, but not both, in an amount up to ten percent of the grant funding awarded for the County not to exceed Two Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,200,000.00);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the County hereby authorizes and delegates the Development Authority of Carroll County to act on its behalf to file an NTIA Grant application and OPB Grant application with SyncGlobal as the designated broadband provider as part of a regional consortium of counties, and to take all other reasonable and proper actions to

effectuate this authorization and manage the NTIA Grant application and/or OPB Grant application award process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the County hereby agrees that if an NTIA Grant application or OPB Grant application results in the granting of an award to the County then the County, acting through the Development Authority of Carroll County, shall fund a match of either the NTIA Grant or the OPB Grant, but not both, in an amount up to ten percent of the grant funding awarded for the County not to exceed Two Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,200,000.00).

This Resolution shall take immediate effect upon its adoption. Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2021.

CARROLL COUNTY, GEORGIA

By: _____
Michelle Morgan, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Attest: _____
Clerk

(County Seal)