

RESOLUTION TO DELEGATE TO ABBA AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BEAD GRANT LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER GRANT APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia has been awarded \$1.48 billion from the federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program to finish the job on extending broadband access and make long-term, transformational investments into broadband affordability and adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth’s Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is administering the application and award process for the BEAD Program; and

WHEREAS, DHCD’s application guidelines provide evaluation points for grant applicant internet service providers to submit Letters of Support from a Virginia locality’s governing body; and

WHEREAS, DHCD’s application process allows a locality’s governing body to delegate to a broadband authority; and

WHEREAS, the Albemarle Broadband Authority is an appropriate public body to evaluate internet service providers intending to apply for the BEAD Program and is willing and able to draft and submit Letters of Support as deemed appropriate to DHCD; and

WHEREAS, it serves the best interests of the County for this Board to delegate such authority to ABBA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this date, ___ January 2025, that the County’s authority to issue BEAD Program Letters of Support to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development is hereby delegated to the Albemarle Broadband Authority.

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I, Claudette K. Borgersen, do hereby certify that the foregoing writing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Albemarle County by a vote of ___ to ___ as recorded below, at a meeting held on January ___, 2025.

Clerk, Board of County Supervisors

	Aye	Nay
Mr. Andrews	_____	_____
Ms. McKeel	_____	_____
Ms. Mallek	_____	_____
Mr. Galloway	_____	_____
Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley	_____	_____
Mr. Pruitt	_____	_____