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At a <u>regular</u> meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the Grand County, Colorado, held at the Grand County Administration Building in Hot Sulphur Springs on <u>Tuesday</u>, the 21st day of August, 2018, there were present:

| Merrit Linke | , Commissioner Chairman |
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| Kristen Manguso | , Commissioner |
| Richard D. Cimino | , Commissioner |
| Robert Franck | , County Attorney |
| Lee A. Staab | , County Manager |
| Sara L. Rosene | , Clerk of the Board |

when the following proceedings, among others, were had and done, to wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-8-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO, CONCERNING THE SUBMISSION TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF GRAND COUNTY, COLORADO, OF A REFERRED BALLOT QUESTION PURSUANT TO TITLE 29, ARTICLE 27 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, PERMITTING BUT NOT OBLIGATING THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO TO PROVIDE CABLE TELEVISION SERVICE, TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE, AND HIGH SPEED INTERNET SERVICE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ADVANCED SERVICE, EITHER DIRECTLY, OR INDIRECTLY WITH PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR PROVIDERS WITHIN GRAND COUNTY, COLORADO, AND CERTIFYING THE QUESTION TO THE GRAND COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER FOR INCLUSION ON THE BALLOT FOR THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018, GENERAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, affordable, reliable, and innovative telecommunication services, including, but not limited to, broadband internet services, are hereby found and determined to be essential for Grand County's residents and businesses in today's economic environment and for quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Grand County suffers from inadequate cable television service, telecommunications service, or high speed internet access, otherwise known as advanced service, due to difficult terrain and low population density, leaving much of the County unserved or underserved and at an economic and educational disadvantage; and

WHEREAS, the demand for broadband services is becoming a basic infrastructure need for the community, providing critical resources such as online education tools, telemedicine, business development and operations, and daily communication; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 the Colorado General Assembly enacted Senate Bill 152, codified at §29-27-101, C.R.S. *et seq.*, which provides that, before a local government may provide cable television service, telecommunication services, or advanced service, as such services are defined in the statute, either directly or indirectly, the local government must call an election on the question of providing such services and obtain the approval of the majority of its registered electors voting on any such ballot question; and

WHEREAS, the effect of Senate Bill 152, as codified in Colorado statute, has been to restrict Grand County's ability to improve its connectivity through either the provision of direct or indirect services in cooperation with other public or private sector service providers, as set forth in §29-27-103, C.R.S., Limitations on providing cable television, telecommunications, and advanced services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 30-11-103.5, C.R.S., the Board of County Commissioners has the authority to refer to the vote of the electors an issue or question authorized by state statute or the state constitution; and

WHEREAS, § 29-27-201, C.R.S. authorizes referral of the question of whether or not the local government shall provide the proposed cable television service, telecommunications service, or advanced service; and

WHEREAS, the registered voters within both Routt and Summit counties and the Towns of Winter Park and Fraser have voted to opt out of SB-152, providing a potential opportunity for Grand County to work across political boundaries and leverage resources and regional efforts to incentivize potential providers in investing in Grand County to expand Broadband; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Grand County, State of Colorado, does hereby find and determine that re-establishing the county's legal ability to directly and/or indirectly provide such cable television, telecommunications, and high speed internet access, as such services are defined in the statute, could allow local telecommunications solutions that would provide needs-based access for the county's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, any such ballot question must be approved by a majority of the legally eligible Grand County registered electors voting on such ballot measure before becoming effective.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The following ballot question and title is hereby referred and submitted to the registered electors of Grand County, Colorado, at the November 6, 2018, general election:

Without increasing taxes, shall the citizens of Grand County, Colorado, permit, but not obligate, the Board of County Commissioners of Grand County, Colorado, to provide to potential subscribers, including telecommunications service providers, residential and commercial users within Grand County, all services restricted since 2005 by Title 29, Article 27 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, including "telecommunication services", "cable television services" and "advanced services" which is defined as high speed internet access capability in excess of two hundred fifty six kilobits per second both upstream and downstream (known as "broadband") including any new and improved bandwidth services based on future technologies, utilizing any existing network and/or developing additional infrastructure, either directly or indirectly with public or private sector partners?

| YES | NO |
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- 2. The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Grand, State of Colorado, hereby certifies the above ballot issue and title to the Clerk and Recorder of Grand County, Colorado, for inclusion on the ballot for the November 6, 2018, general election.
- 3. For the purposes of C.R.S. § 1-11-203.5, this Resolution shall serve to set the ballot title and the ballot issue for the ballot question, and the ballot title for the ballot question shall be ballot question itself.
- 4. The Clerk and Recorder of Grand County, Colorado, is hereby designated the election official, to exercise all powers and duties of the clerk set forth in C.R.S. § 30-11-103.5 and the incorporated provisions of part 1, article 11, title 31, C.R.S., Municipal Initiatives, Referenda, and Referred Measures, as amended.
- 5. All acts required or permitted by part 1, article 11, title 31, C.R.S., Municipal Initiatives, Referenda, and Referred Measures as amended, and the Uniform Election Code of 1992, C.R.S. title 1, articles 1 to 13, relevant to providing of notice, the mailing to electors of any required information, or pertaining to the conduct of the election on such ballot question at the November 6, 2018, general election, including, but not limited to, voting by early voter's ballots, absentee

ballots, and emergency absentee ballots, which are to be performed by the designated election official, shall be performed by the Grand County Clerk and Recorder.

6. The election on the ballot question shall be conducted in accordance with the Uniform Election Code of 1992, C.R.S. title 1, articles 1 to 13, by the Clerk and Recorder of Grand County, Colorado, at the same time and on the same ballot, using the same polling places and judges as will be used for the general election scheduled for November 6, 2018.

| 7. Said ballot question shall be voted upon only by Grand County, Colorado, registered electors legally eligible to vote at the November 6, 2018, general election. |
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| 8. Should the Grand County Clerk and Recorder, acting in her statutory capacity as the designated election official for the Grand County, Colorado, November 6, 2018, general election find and certify in accordance with the applicable provisions of C.R.S. § 30-11-103.5, and the Uniform Election Code of 1992, C.R.S. title 1, articles 1 to 13, as amended, that the majority of the Grand County registered electors voting on the ballot question set forth hereinabove have voted YES, she shall declare the ballot question to be passed and adopted; however, should she find and certify that the majority of the Grand County registered electors voting on the ballot question set forth hereinabove have voted NO, she shall declare the ballot question to not be passed and not be adopted. |
| Upon motion duly made the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote: Aye Aye Aye Abstain |
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