



County Administrative Office
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: March 23, 2010

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resolution, Ordinance or Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Eric Coyne PHONE: 636-5005

SUBJECT: Approve a proclamation supporting the "Get Connected" program.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve a Proclamation affirming its support for the State of California's "Get Connected!" initiative that seeks to close the Digital Divide by providing all Californian's with access to high speed Internet.

SUMMARY:

The California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) is promoting a statewide effort to champion "Get Connected!" – a public awareness and education program designed to reach California residents that have not yet adopted broadband technology.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

CETF is not seeking any county funding for the "Get Connected!" program.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Quality of Life Initiative to promote natural resource management strategies that ensures environmental preservation, and economic development. The CETF "Get Connected!" program helps fulfill this initiative by promoting the benefits of providing Internet access to all Californians.

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ALTERNATIVES:

Choose not to support the "Get Connected!" program.

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

County Information Technology; Resource Management Agency

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Eric Coyne
Administrative Analyst

Cc: Auditor/Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)
Information Technology
Resource Management

Attachment(s)

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF approve a proclamation)
supporting the "Get Connected" program.)

RESOLUTION NO. _____
AGREEMENT NO. _____

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU
 COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
 CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
 Deputy Clerk

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**IN SUPPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA EMERGING TECHNOLOGY FUND'S
"GET CONNECTED!" PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, closing the Digital Divide is vital to the economic prosperity and quality of life for residents of Tulare County and throughout California; and

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors recognizes that high-speed Internet access - commonly referred to as Broadband and including both wireless and wireline technologies, is essential to developing digital literacy, and understands that access to Internet technology is a critical teaching and learning tool for academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, as an indicator of the Board of Supervisor's commitment to promoting Internet access of residents, the County has included as a new policy goal in its forthcoming Tulare County 2030 General Plan Update its desire to promote opportunities for all citizens to have greater access to Internet connectivity; and

WHEREAS, Tulare County is committed to reducing its carbon footprint and recognizes that broadband is a strategic "green" technology that decreases greenhouse gas emissions and dependence on foreign oil by enabling e-government and the provision of more services online

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tulare hereby affirms it will continue to seek opportunities to provide residents with greater access to broadband technologies and support the State of California's "Get Connected!" program, signed this date March 23, 2010.

Allen Ishida

Pete Vander Poel

Phil Cox

Steve Worthley, Board Chairman

Mike Ennis