



Resolution Supporting The Minnesota Broadband Vision

Everyone in Minnesota will be able to use convenient, affordable, world-class broadband networks that enable us to survive and thrive in our communities and across the globe.

Whereas: Minnesota libraries and the State Of Minnesota provide a broad array of critical library services via the Internet to support student learning and critical decision making by businesses and private citizens; and

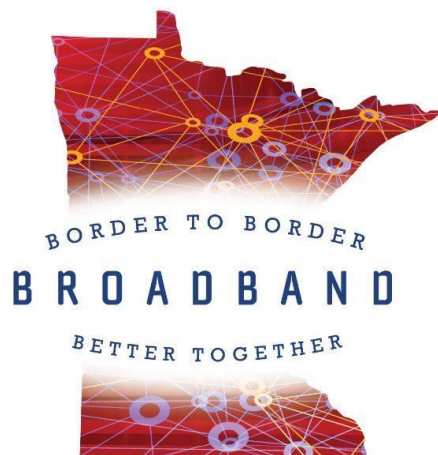
Whereas: broadband, or high speed Internet, is essential to individuals today and increasingly essential for community vitality, including competitive economic development, affordable and quality health care, equitable education and effective government; and

Whereas: vast areas of Minnesota and thousands of Minnesotans lack access to affordable and reliable broadband services that meet or exceed the federal broadband standard of 25/3 Mbps; and

Whereas: the long and short-term benefits of achieving our broadband vision will be spread widely across our entire Minnesota community, while failing to reach our broadband vision will sentence some rural areas to second class status and permanent decline;

Now therefore, the Minnesota Library Association adopts the Minnesota Broadband Vision and encourages the Minnesota Legislature and Governor to provide sufficient leadership, resources and legal framework to ensure that the State of Minnesota achieves this vision by 2020.

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