

**A RESOLUTION TO URGE PASSAGE OF THE TENNESSEE BROADBAND
ACCESSIBILITY ACT BY THE TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

WHEREAS, Tennessee currently ranks 29th in the U.S. for broadband access; and

WHEREAS, 13 percent of the state lacks access to broadband and 34 percent of the state's rural residents do not have broadband coverage at the recognized minimum standards because of low population density and/or geographical constraints; and

WHEREAS, broadband access is critical for business, education, health care, and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, in response to this critical need for increased broadband access, Governor Haslam has proposed the Tennessee Broadband Accessibility Act, which would provide grants and tax credits to encourage deployment of broadband to previously unserved areas; and

WHEREAS, in addition to grants and tax credits, the Act would authorize the state's private, non-profit electric cooperatives to provide broadband throughout their territories; and

WHEREAS, the Act also provides grant opportunities for local libraries to help the libraries provide more digital literacy training to the state's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Crossville, Tennessee believes the Tennessee Broadband Accessibility Act provides necessary and reasonable steps to improve broadband access in the state.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Crossville, Tennessee meeting in regular session, that the Tennessee General Assembly is strongly urged to pass the Tennessee Broadband Accessibility Act in order to increase broadband accessibility in the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall mail a copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Mayor

Council Member

Council Member

Council Member

Council Member

ATTEST:

City Clerk