

TOWN OF PINETOP-LAKESIDE

RESOLUTION NO. 17-1399

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PINETOP-LAKESIDE, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION'S ACTION TO AMEND THE ARIZONA UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND.

WHEREAS technology and the digital age are significant drivers of the twenty first century economy; and

WHEREAS our youth are our future in meeting the needs of the digital age; and

WHEREAS a robust, reliable and affordable connection to digital infrastructure is in abundance in the metropolitan regions of Arizona; and

WHEREAS rural areas of Arizona are significantly underserved by high speed broadband at affordable rates; and

WHEREAS said rural areas are at a considerable economic disadvantage due to disparities in population densities and geography; and

WHEREAS our youth in rural areas are consequently also at a disadvantage; and

WHEREAS the Arizona Department of Education seeks to obtain federal E-rate funds in order to extend high speed broadband connectivity to schools and libraries in rural Arizona; and

WHEREAS a ten percent match in funding is required in order to obtain the federal E-rate funding for the state of Arizona; and

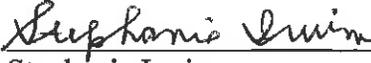
WHEREAS the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) is considering an expedited action in amending the Arizona Universal Service Fund in order to provide matching funding in obtaining the larger federal E-rate grant; and

WHEREAS the action being contemplated by the ACC would have limited duration in that a one-time distribution would take place to qualified schools and libraries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside, Arizona, hereby supports the Arizona Corporation Commission's action to amend the Arizona Universal Service Fund to create a 10% matching fund of approximately \$8,000,000 to match the federal E-rate fund for the state of Arizona and further urges other rural counties, school districts, cities and towns to support the same.

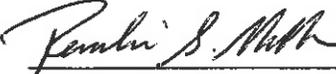
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside this 16th day of March, 2017.

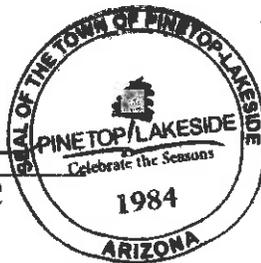
TOWN OF PINETOP-LAKESIDE


Stephanie Irwin
Mayor

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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