

1 WHEREAS, Congress assigned the Federal Communications Commission to
2 administer the ACP, the successor program to the Emergency Broadband Benefit, which
3 helped almost nine million households afford internet access during the pandemic; and

4 WHEREAS, under the ACP, eligible households can receive up to thirty dollars per
5 month discount toward internet services and up to seventy-five dollars per month for
6 households on qualifying tribal lands; and

7 WHEREAS, eligible households may also receive a one-time discount of up to one
8 hundred dollars to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating
9 providers; and

10 WHEREAS, Louisiana was the first state to receive broadband award approval from
11 the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and is number one in the nation for
12 ACP enrollment with an estimated forty-six percent of eligible households enrolled; and

13 WHEREAS, currently, there are more than nine hundred thousand eligible
14 households within the state that may qualify for the ACP and four hundred and twenty-two
15 thousand, two hundred and fifty-seven households that have enrolled; and

16 WHEREAS, based on current take rates, the more than fourteen billion dollars in
17 funding appropriated for the ACP program could be exhausted in late 2023 or early 2024;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, the ACP has been a critical tool in helping bridge the "digital divide"
20 that exists between those who have access to modern information and communications
21 technology and those who do not.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
23 urge and request each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation to support
24 continued funding of the ACP so that low-income Louisiana households can continue to
25 receive the support they need to participate in the digital marketplace.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
27 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the
28 United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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Requests the Louisiana congressional delegation to support the extension of funding for the federal Affordable Connectivity Program of 2021.