

1 WHEREAS, broadband infrastructure is foundational for Louisiana's future, enabling
2 small business success, agricultural innovation, educational opportunity, telehealth
3 expansion, public safety advancements, and rural revitalization; and

4 WHEREAS, Governor Jeff Landry, working alongside Louisiana's congressional
5 delegation, has called for immediate federal action to approve Louisiana's BEAD
6 deployment funding; and

7 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature stands united with the governor and the
8 Louisiana congressional delegation in championing Louisiana's readiness, in defending the
9 interests of Louisiana's people, and in insisting that the federal government honor its
10 commitments without further delay.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
12 memorialize the United States Congress and join with Governor Jeff Landry and the
13 Louisiana congressional delegation in calling for the immediate and full release of BEAD
14 Program deployment funds to the state of Louisiana.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby affirm
16 Louisiana's full compliance with federal requirements and readiness for broadband
17 deployment, and expresses its unwavering support for this critical effort to expand
18 opportunity and prosperity in every corner of the state.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge
20 the United States Department of Commerce and the National Telecommunications and
21 Information Administration to act promptly to release Louisiana's BEAD deployment
22 funding without further delay, so that Louisiana's workers, families, and businesses can
23 realize the transformative benefits Congress intended.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
25 governor, the commissioner of administration, the executive director of ConnectLA, the
26 secretary of United States Department of Commerce, the acting assistant secretary of the
27 National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and each member of the
28 Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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Memorializes the United States Congress to immediately and fully release the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program funds.