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RESOLUTION to APPROVE VATI BROADBAND GRANT CONTRACTS

WHEREAS, the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) was awarded \$79,027,930 through the 2022 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) program to support the region's partnership with Firefly Fiber Broadband (Firefly) to expand rural broadband access; and

WHEREAS, the TJPDC Commission has authorized the Executive Director to proceed to negotiate and award a comprehensive agreement with Firefly; and

WHEREAS, such agreement will recognize the TJPDC as the grant administrator for the project; and

WHEREAS, the project will be executed through a partnership including Firefly and other area utilities to complete a fiber build, using funds secured from the VATI grants, county contributions, and leveraged utility funds to aid with construction costs; and

WHEREAS, the awarding of the grant also will necessitate execution of additional agreements involving the TJPDC, Firefly, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), and localities participating in the grant; and

WHEREAS, an agreement between the DHCD (as grantor) and the TJPDC (as grantee) will stipulate conditions for commencing and carrying out the project in conjunction with Firefly; and

WHEREAS, a three-party agreement between TJPDC, Firefly and each of the 13 participating counties will stipulate responsibilities of each of the named entities during project execution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that TJPDC Commission hereby authorizes the Executive Director to proceed to negotiate and commit the TJPDC to the resulting contracts, in accordance with 15.2-4205(B)(4) of the *Code of Virginia*; and

RESOLVED, that the Commission authorizes the Executive Director to take all other actions necessary, consistent with the Commission Bylaws and approved Procedures Governing Purchases, to fulfill the TJPDC's responsibilities as the VATI grant administrator.

Adopted this 2nd day of June, 2022.

Christine Jacobs, Executive Director
Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission

Jesse Rutherford, Commission Chair
Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission

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