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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING GOVERNOR MEAD'S UNIFIED NETWORK PHASES I AND II PROPOSAL.

WHEREAS, the access to broadband is critical to educational and economic opportunities for Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, Governor Mead proposes a Unified Network to connect high speed networks within Wyoming, regionally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, Governor Mead desires to partner with, not supplant private efforts, to bring broadband access to schools, government facilities and private businesses; and

WHEREAS, Phase I is scheduled to be completed early in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Network Phase II implementation funding request will be included in Governor Mead's 2015-16 Biennium budget that will substantially upgrade the capabilities for Wyoming through enhanced partnerships with vendors, migration to latest technologies and redundant paths of sustainable support offering the greatest possible security and business value.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of the City of Gillette supports Governor Mead's proposal to the Wyoming Legislature for funding to complete implementation of Phases I and II of the Unified Network. The Unified Network will leverage the State's education and government broadband demands by promoting the growth of capacity for all of Wyoming while enhancing private investment in broadband infrastructure.

Passed, approved and adopted this 19th day of November, 2013

| | Tom Murphy, Mayor | |
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| Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk | | |