

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the  
County of Monterey, State of California**

**Resolution No.**

Adopt Resolution declaring that Monterey County hereby joins with the California Emerging Technology Fund in launching and promoting *Get Connected!*

**WHEREAS**, closing the Digital Divide is vital to the economic prosperity and quality of life for residents in Monterey County and throughout California; and

**WHEREAS**, Monterey County finds and declares that high-speed Internet access is essential 21<sup>st</sup> century infrastructure in a digital world and global economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Monterey County recognizes that California is home to a wellspring of innovation that has given rise to the evolution of broadband and other information technologies, however Californians' adoption and use of broadband technology is only approximately equivalent to the national average; and

**WHEREAS**, Monterey County acknowledges that in 2010 that 30% of all Californians, 51% of low-income households, 50% of Latino families, 45% of people with disabilities, and large rural areas of our county are designated "unserved or underserved" and therefore our residents and businesses are not connected to the Internet with broadband, leaving more than 10 million Californians without high-speed Internet access at home.; and

**WHEREAS**, Monterey County is committed to helping families and children be healthy, productive and self-sufficient and realizes that the use of broadband can save both time and money for residents while helping them bridge the economic divide; and

**WHEREAS**, Monterey County is committed to helping students obtain the highest-quality education possible incorporating digital literacy and understands that high-speed Internet connectivity and the availability of computing devices both at school and at home are critical teaching and learning tools for academic achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, Monterey County is committed to reducing its carbon footprint and recognizes that broadband is a strategic "green" technology that decreases greenhouse gas emissions and dependence on foreign oil by enabling e-government and the provision of more services online; and

**WHEREAS**, Monterey County is committed to digital inclusion and increasing citizen participation in the public process through expanded engagement using broadband; and

**WHEREAS**, Monterey County welcomes the opportunity to partner with the California Emerging Technology Fund and with our region's Central Coast Broadband Consortium, along with the Governor, Legislature, other local governments, civic leaders, community organizations, employers, labor representatives, educators, and policymakers to encourage adoption of broadband technology; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors is interested in learning about the impact of computer technology and Internet access on individuals and families and requests from organizations working in this arena that they provide a brief report within six (6) months on the strategic actions that have helped to remove barriers to and promote the deployment and adoption of computers and the Internet in the home among residents, customers, and recipients of public services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors will seek to cooperate and share the results of *Get Connected!* with neighboring jurisdictions and other public agencies and shall post this resolution on the county website and send a copy to the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments for appropriate distribution to other local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors authorize the use of their names as champions of *Get Connected!* on the websites of the California Emerging Technology Fund ([www.CETFund.org](http://www.CETFund.org) and [www.GetConnectedToday.com](http://www.GetConnectedToday.com)) and in printed materials pertaining to *Get Connected!*

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Monterey County hereby joins with the California Emerging Technology Fund and 45 other California Counties in initiating and supporting *Get Connected!*—A public awareness program to close the Digital Divide—and declares 2012 as the target year for all residents, businesses and community organizations to *Get Connected!*

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 by the following vote, to wit:

A: YES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:

I, Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, for the meeting on \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated:

Gayle T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of  
Supervisors, County of Monterey,  
State of California.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy