



implementation of broadband technology. The adoption of this resolution will allow *Get Connected!* to reference the County of Monterey and the Board of Supervisors as supporters in CETF printed materials and websites and more importantly, allow our local schools and nonprofit organizations to reference this support in grant applications for closing the Digital Divide.

It is also recommended that the Board of Supervisors request brief reports from organizations working in this arena to learn about the impact of computer technology and Internet access on individuals and families, especially those from unserved and underserved communities in Monterey County. These reports should also include the strategic actions of the organizations that have helped to remove barriers to broadband access in our communities, how they promoted the deployment and adoption of computers and access to the Internet in the home among residents, customers, and recipients of public services, as well as the beneficial community impacts that can be attributed to the increase in broadband access.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Current participating agencies include California State University, Monterey Bay, Monterey Institute of International Studies, City of Gonzalez, La Clinica de Salud del Valle de Salinas, The Monterey County Business Council, University of California at Santa Cruz, City of Watsonville, City of Santa Cruz, San Benito County and the Economic Development Corporation of San Benito among others.

FINANCING:

There are no impacts on the County General Fund associated with this recommended action.

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Resolution