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### IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

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Resolution directing the Information Technology Management Division to work with the Department of Administration - Intergovernmental Relations Division and other City agencies to provide broadband access to underserved areas of the city.

This resolution directs the Information Technology Management Division to work with the Department of Administration - Intergovernmental Relations Division, to provide broadband access to underserved areas of the city.

Whereas, Many governmental and educational services are accessed using the internet; and

Whereas, Many people access the internet at schools and public libraries; and

Whereas, Many school buildings and public libraries are closed because of the coronavirus pandemic; and

Whereas, The coronavirus pandemic has required many people to telecommute in unprecedented numbers; and

Whereas, Broadband access at home is increasingly necessary for work and educational purposes; and

Whereas, Areas of the city are underserved by broadband internet access; and

Whereas, Current state statutes limit the ability of the City to directly provide or subsidize broadband internet service; and

Whereas, Other public and private entities are exploring ways to provide internet access to underserved communities; and

Whereas, A coordinated approach to providing internet access to low-income and under-served areas will maximize the use of limited resources, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, the Information Technology Management Division is directed to work with the Department of Administration - Intergovernmental Relations Division and other agencies to create and coordinate a plan to ensure citywide internet access; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Department of Administration shall present this plan to the Common Council within 90 days of the adoption of this resolution.

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