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Board of Supervisors
Iowa County
970 Court Ave
Marengo, IA 5231

March 23, 2023

To the Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa:

The Iowa County Board of Supervisors is submitting this application in response to the OCIO Invitation to Qualify for a Broadband Intervention Zone.

Multiple communities in Iowa County as specific in the application which represent local businesses and residents, has identified as a specific area of geographic concern with regards to existing broadband availability.

As such, we are proposing that a Broadband Intervention Zone be established for the area in and around communities in Iowa County. Pursuant to the Iowa Broadband Map v.5, this area is currently served by a single broadband provider and with speeds that do not facilitate the required 100/20 minimum threshold for robust connectivity.

It is our hope that the ITQ application and review of same by OCIO will designate Iowa County as a geographic area of concern / Intervention Zone for consideration in the next broadband grant program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Kevin Heitshusen".

The Iowa County Board of Supervisors



Karen Kurt, Executive Director
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March 27, 2023

To the Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa:

Envision East Central Iowa (EECI) is the comprehensive economic development strategy for Benton, Johnson, Jones, Iowa, Linn and Washington counties. Following a robust regional stakeholder engagement process, expanding access to affordable, fast broadband was identified as a key action step towards achieving one of the EECI's seven strategic objectives: *Creating and Expanding Pathways for Shared Prosperity*.

Iowa County Community Development's application to Qualify (ITQ) for a Broadband Intervention Zone is an important step towards closing the broadband gap as outlined in Envision East Central Iowa. Iowa County Community Development, through collaboration with the Wellman Cooperative Telephone Association, and representing local businesses and residents, has identified a specific area of geographic concern with regards to existing broadband availability. The East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) supports this application because this area is currently served by a single broadband provider and with speeds that do not facilitate the required 100/20 minimum threshold for robust connectivity. It is our hope that the ITQ application and review of the same by OCIO will designate the area identified as a geographic area of concern / Intervention Zone for consideration in the next broadband grant program.

Sincerely,

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Karen Kurt
Executive Director

