

**STATE OF NEW YORK
YATES COUNTY LEGISLATURE
CLERK'S OFFICE**

Penn Yan, N.Y. February 8, 2021

I Hereby Certify, That I have compared the preceding with the original thereof, on file in the office of the Clerk of the County Legislature at Penn Yan, New York, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original; and that said original was duly adopted at a meeting of the County Legislature of Yates County held at Penn Yan, New York on the 8th day of February 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-21

**AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AN OPERATIONS AGREEMENT WITH
EMPIRE ACCESS FOR THE YATES COUNTY BROADBAND NETWORK**

WHEREAS, Yates County recognizes that providing broadband access to its residents is a critical and essential service; and

WHEREAS, the County has been awarded a USDA/Rural Utility Services Reconnect grant to enable the design and construction of a broadband network to reach the unserved and underserved in Yates County; and

WHEREAS, the Yates County Broadband Committee recommended that operation of the network is best accomplished partnering with an existing Internet Service Provider to provide operation and maintenance services to the County to ensure a reliable and successful network; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that Empire Access has agreed to provide these services to the County under a shared revenue model and other terms as detailed in the proposed Operations Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the approval of legal counsel and USDA/ Rural Utility Services, the Chairman of the Legislature is authorized to enter into an Operations Agreement with Empire Access; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to Empire Access, County Administrator, Treasurer, Budget Officer and the Planner.

ATTEST



Clerk of the Yates County Legislature