

COUNTRYSIDE PROPRIETARY, INC.
RESOLUTION # 254
DATE PASSED: MARCH 23, 2005

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BROADBAND SERVICES
DEVELOPMENT IN LOUDOUN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of CountrySide Proprietary, Inc. is empowered to act on behalf of its membership and to advocate on a variety of matters when such actions and advocacy are deemed to benefit the majority of its members; and,

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has wisely initiated a program to stimulate the development and deployment of Broadband Telecommunications Services throughout Loudoun; and,

WHEREAS, Broadband Services are critical and necessary to continued Productivity improvements and Productivity, in turn, is vital to maintain America's global economic position and thereby enable it to continue to attract the foreign capital needed long-term, all while sustaining a high wage scale and high standard-of-living for Americans; and,

WHEREAS, such Broadband Services must be widely available according to the long accepted principle of "Universal Service" in order to gain maximum economic benefit derived from maximum connectivity; and,

WHEREAS, the cultural and societal benefits of virtually unlimited bandwidth communications will strengthen family and other personal relationships and enable greater cultural and civic involvement; and

WHEREAS, a vibrant, highly competitive market for Broadband Services is far preferable to a non-competitive market, susceptible to monopolistic pricing and provisioning, dominated by one or two economically advantaged services providers; and,

WHEREAS, dominant local service providers, such as Verizon, are spending tens of millions of dollars to actively lobby at the state level for legislation that would impede or preclude local government Broadband programs such as those of Loudoun County and others; and,

WHEREAS, such legislation as typically proposed by the dominant services providers, while in the interest of the dominant providers' business, is directly opposed to the best interests of Loudoun citizens and the overall interests of the American economy.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of CountrySide Proprietary, Inc. as follows:

- 1) That the CountrySide Proprietary Board of Directors congratulates the Board of Supervisors for its wisdom and far-sighted decision to stimulate and promote the accelerated development of Broadband Telecommunications Networks and Services in Loudoun; and,
- 2) That the CountrySide Proprietary Board of Directors expresses its full support for the Board of Supervisors' efforts and the Broadband program and, at the same time, opposes any ill-advised legislation at the state or federal level that may impede, preclude or prevent Loudoun County's program; and,
- 3) That this resolution be presented to all Loudoun County elected officials and all elected Loudoun County Delegates and Senators in the General Assembly.

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