



RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE SUPPORT OF INFRASTRUCTURE BUILDOUT TO PAVE THE PATHWAY FOR NEXT GENERATION NETWORKS

WHEREAS, mobile broadband access is critical in creating economically sustainable communities; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. leads the world in 4G LTE services—of which 99.6 percent of Americans have access to—providing broad coverage and wireless connectivity that offers unmatched consumer benefits in areas such as education and health; and

WHEREAS, the next generation of mobile connectivity, which promises more capable, efficient and intelligent capabilities, increases network reliability, reduces latency, provides consumers and businesses with higher speeds, and is capable of serving a greater number of wireless devices than current technology; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the success of next generation technology and the United States' leadership in this next generation of wireless, wireless carriers will have to deploy small antenna infrastructure connected via wireline fiber facilities; and

WHEREAS, next generation signals cover shorter distances thus requiring several times as many smaller cells than traditional cell towers and that next generation networks work only if deployed intensively; and

WHEREAS, in order for next generation networks to have maximum impact for consumers, wireless carriers, state and local governments must work together to encourage deployment of this technology.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Council of State Governments (CSG) urges local governments to balance the deployment of new generation wireless technology with local governments' role in managing rights-of-way, maintaining safe communities, and promoting economic development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CSG urges local governments to modernize processes enabling the rapid deployment of small antenna infrastructure to support next generation networks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CSG urges local governments to work collaboratively with businesses to bring next generation networks to their cities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, members of the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate, the Chairman and Commissioners of the Federal Communications Commission, and other federal, state and local government officials and associations as appropriate.

Adopted by The Council of State Governments' Executive Committee this 11th Day of December, 2016 in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia.