**RESOLUTION 2020-04**

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| **SHORT TITLE:** Rural Broadband Internet Access |

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| **SPONSOR CD:** South Central Area |

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| **AREA:** 🞏NW 🞏SW 🞏NC ⌧SC 🞏NE 🞏SE |

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| **RESOLUTION TYPE:**  🞏**Policy**   * **Position Statement**   🞏 **Recognition**  🞏 **Study** |

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| **RESOLUTION ACTION AGENCY** (check any option that applies):   * **WACD**   **🞏 WSCC**  **🞏 OTHER STATE AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **🞏 NRCS**   * **NACD**   **🞏 NON-STATE/FEDERAL PARTNER \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |

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| **BACKGROUND/PROBLEM STATEMENT:** Rural areas oftentimes have limited access to rural broadband internet access. Internet access continues to be necessary to stay apprised of information, communications, internet access for management purposes and myriad other items. Supporting and gaining rural broadband internet access will increase capacity, facilitate being more competitive, up-to-date on pandemic affairs, improve emergency services, and living up to standards of partners as we leverage resources**.** |

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| **PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE:** WACD and NACD support the increased access, infrastructure, and affordability of rural broadband internet access for all. |

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| **TYPE OF TEXT OF RESOLUTION** (check all boxes that apply):  🞏 Technical (changes address grammar, punctuation, sentence flow and makes **NO** substantive change(s) to the existing policy.  🞏 Substantive change to existing policy. If in doubt, check the box.   * New policy. |

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| **IS THERE A BUDGET IMPLICATION TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY?**  ⌧ NO  🞏 **YES** (briefly explain): |