

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTROSE, COLORADO, ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL FIBER OPTIC NETWORK AS A CITY PRIORITY**

**WHEREAS**, The City Council has established a goal to “Increase Availability and Public Access to High Speed Broadband Internet”; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Montrose has historically ensured access to essential services by providing those services that were not offered by the private sector at a reasonable and competitive cost. These services include domestic water, sewer, streets and roads as well as other important services; and

**WHEREAS**, The City Council recognizes the economic health and survival of our city depends on the availability and affordability of advanced telecommunication services, and they understand it takes both private and public investment to bring this goal to fruition; and

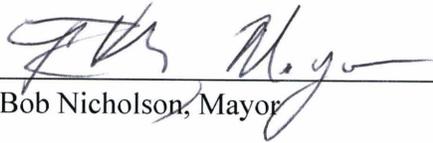
**WHEREAS**, The City Council is committed to attracting new businesses, and retaining current businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, The citizens of Montrose approved, by over 74%, Measure A, on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, re-establishing the City’s right to provide all services restricted since 2005 by Title 29, Article 27 of the Colorado Revised Statutes;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTROSE, COLORADO THAT:**

The City Council of the City of Montrose hereby orders City staff to take all appropriate actions in accordance with the broadband mandate of the electorate. The City staff will include and budget for expansion of a municipal fiber optic communications network in all appropriate projects. It will install conduit and/or fiber optic communication cabling when appropriate during construction or repair work in furtherance of a goal to install a city-wide network. City staff will update Zoning and Building Codes, as well as Policies and Procedures for Public Improvement Projects to address the requirement to extend the City’s fiber optic network throughout the corporate boundaries of the City. Necessary ordinances will be drafted and presented to City Council for action. The City will continue to work through government/private partnerships to further the goal for the City of Montrose to become a gigabit city.

ADOPTED THIS 6<sup>TH</sup> day of January, 2015 in the City of Montrose, Montrose County, Colorado.

  
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Bob Nicholson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Lisa DelPiccolo, City Clerk

