

**RESOLUTION 2023-03 OF SUPPORT
For 123NET**

Resolution 2023-03 for 123NET's Application for the Realizing Opportunities with Broadband Infrastructure Networks (ROBIN) Grant Program toward the Allegan County Broadband Wired Infrastructure Expansion Project.

WHEREAS, Martin Township is located in Allegan County where over 12,000 homes and businesses do not have access to high-speed internet; and

WHEREAS, the digital divide is exacerbating the homework and learning gap for students without high-speed internet access at home; and educators are burdened with having to develop instruction for students both with and without high-speed internet at home; and

WHEREAS, businesses need the surrounding communities to have broadband internet to attract employees and many residents need high-speed internet to be able to work from their homes; and

WHEREAS, many residents need high-speed internet for virtual medical appointments; and

WHEREAS, the points outlined above, in concert with many other known benefits of high-speed internet access which contribute to quality of life, demonstrate an urgent need for affordable, reliable high-speed internet access at homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Allegan County has entered into a Public Private Partnership Agreement with 123NET in support of building broadband infrastructure throughout Allegan County.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we, as the duly elected township board of Martin support the ROBIN grant application from 123NET of Southfield, Michigan to secure funding toward the Allegan County Broadband Wired Infrastructure Expansion project.

Motion by Township Board Member Tiemeyer, seconded by Township Board Member Dykstra, that Resolution No. 2023-03 be adopted, the vote being as follows:

YEAS: Leep - Yes Sipple - Yes Schipper - Yes Dykstra - Yes Tiemeyer - Yes

NAYS: none

Absent/Abstain: _____

Resolution 2023-03 Declared Adopted

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Martin Township Board at a regular meeting held at the Township Hall on March 8, 2023, at 7:15 p.m.

Pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Dated: March 8th 2023

By Denise Dykstra
Denise Dykstra
Township Clerk