

1 RESOLUTION NO. 22312

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
3 RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA IN SUPPORT OF **“GET CONNECTED!”**  
4 AND A CALL TO ACTION

5 WHEREAS, closing the Digital Divide is vital to the economic prosperity and quality of life  
6 for residents in the City of Riverside and throughout California; and

7 WHEREAS, the City of Riverside finds and declares that high-speed Internet access—  
8 referred to generically as “broadband” and including both wireline and wireless technologies—is  
9 essential 21<sup>st</sup> Century infrastructure in a digital world and global economy; and

10 WHEREAS, the City of Riverside recognizes that California is home to a wellspring of  
11 innovation that has given rise to the evolution of broadband and other information technologies,  
12 however Californians’ adoption and use of broadband technology is only approximately equivalent  
13 to the national average; and

14 WHEREAS, the City of Riverside acknowledges that in 2010, 30% of all Californians, 51%  
15 of low-income households, 50% of Latino families, 45% of people with disabilities, and 10% of  
16 residents in the City of Riverside are not connected to the Internet with broadband, leaving more  
17 than 10 million Californians without high-speed Internet access at home; and

18 WHEREAS, the City of Riverside is committed to helping families and children be healthy,  
19 productive and self-sufficient and realizes that the use of broadband can save both time and money  
20 for residents while helping them bridge the economic divide; and

21 WHEREAS, the City of Riverside is committed to helping students obtain the highest-quality  
22 education possible incorporating digital literacy and understands that high-speed Internet  
23 connectivity and the availability of computing devices both at school and at home are critical  
24 teaching and learning tools for academic achievement; and

25 WHEREAS, the City of Riverside is committed to reducing its carbon footprint and  
26 recognizes that broadband is a strategic “green” technology that decreases greenhouse gas emissions  
27 and dependence on foreign oil by enabling e-government and the provision of more services online;  
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1           WHEREAS, the City of Riverside is committed to Digital Inclusion and increasing citizen  
2 participation in the public process through expanded engagement using broadband; and

3           WHEREAS, the City of Riverside recognizes that it has the opportunity to impact broadband  
4 deployment and adoption in its several local government roles and responsibilities, including as a  
5 policy leader, planning body, land use approval agency, purchaser-consumer of communications  
6 equipment and information technology, and a service provider; and

7           WHEREAS, the City of Riverside welcomes the opportunity to partner with the California  
8 Emerging Technology Fund along with the Governor of California, the California legislature, other  
9 local governments, civic leaders, community organizations, employers, labor representatives,  
10 educators, and policymakers to encourage adoption of broadband technology.

11           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverside,  
12 California, as follows:


13           Section 1: The City of Riverside hereby joins with the California Emerging Technology  
14 Fund in promoting ***Get Connected!*** —a public awareness program to close the Digital Divide in  
15 California—and embraces the goal to achieve broadband Internet access at home for 80% of all  
16 Californians statewide by 2015.

17           Section 2: The City of Riverside City Council will seek to cooperate and share the results of  
18 ***Get Connected!*** with neighboring jurisdictions and other public agencies and shall post this  
19 resolution on the City of Riverside website and send a copy to the Western Regional Council of  
20 Government for appropriate distribution to other local governments.

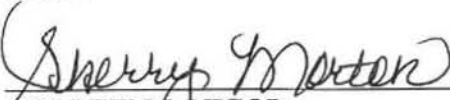
21           Section 3: The City of Riverside City Council authorizes the use of their names as  
22 champions of ***Get Connected!*** on the websites of the California Emerging Technology Fund  
23 ([www.CETFund.org](http://www.CETFund.org) and [www.GetConnectedToday.com](http://www.GetConnectedToday.com)) and in printed materials pertaining to ***Get***  
24 ***Connected!***

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ADOPTED by the City Council this 6th day of December, 2011.

  
RONALD O. LOVERIDGE  
Mayor of the City of Riverside


Attest:

  
COLLEEN J. NICOL  
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

I, Colleen J. Nicol, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the City Council of said City at its meeting held on the 6th day of December, 2011, by the following vote, to wit:

- Ayes: Councilmembers Gardner, Melendrez, Bailey, Davis, Mac Arthur, and Hart
- Noes: None
- Absent: Councilmember Adams
- Disqualified: None

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Riverside, California, this 9th day of December, 2011.

  
COLLEEN J. NICOL  
City Clerk of the City of Riverside