

Winchester Vilas County, Wisconsin

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NORVADO'S APPLICATION FOR THE BROADBAND EQUITY,  
ACCESS, AND DEPLOYMENT (BEAD) PROGRAM GRANT AND PLEDGING MATCHING FUNDS

Resolution # 2025-01

WHEREAS, reliable high-speed internet access is essential for economic development, educational opportunities, public safety, healthcare services, and overall quality of life for the residents and businesses in Winchester Vilas County; and

WHEREAS, many areas within the Winchester Vilas County lack adequate access to reliable, high-speed broadband internet services, creating a significant digital divide that negatively impacts the community's growth and development; and

WHEREAS, Norvado, a trusted telecommunications provider, has demonstrated a commitment to expanding broadband access to underserved areas, including those within Winchester Vilas County; and

WHEREAS, Norvado is preparing an application for funding under the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program, which seeks to provide federal funding to support broadband infrastructure projects in unserved and underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, Winchester Vilas County acknowledges the significant benefit that such an expansion of broadband services would provide to its residents, businesses, and public institutions; and

WHEREAS, Winchester Vilas County is committed to supporting Norvado's efforts and recognizes the importance of local matching contributions to strengthen the competitiveness of the BEAD application and maximize the potential for success in securing grant funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Winchester Vilas County, as follows:

Winchester Vilas County fully supports Norvado's application for funding under the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program to expand high-speed broadband services to unserved and underserved areas within the Town.

Winchester Vilas County will work collaboratively with Norvado to ensure the timely and efficient completion of the broadband expansion project, should the BEAD funding be awarded.

The Town Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Norvado, the Wisconsin Public Service Commission, and other appropriate agencies and officials involved in the BEAD application process.

Adopted October 10, 2024

Posted October 14, 2024

/s/ Joan T. Wainio, Town Clerk