

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, OPPOSING H.R. 2289, ALSO KNOWN AS THE AMERICAN BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT ACT OF 2025, WHICH WAS INTRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO THE APPROPRIATE PARTIES.

WHEREAS, H.R. 2289, also known as the American Broadband Deployment Act of 2025, was introduced by Representative Earl L. "Buddy" Carter on March 24, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the stated intent of H.R. 2289 is to accelerate broadband infrastructure deployment by imposing strict federal timelines and permitting requirements upon state and local government; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 2289 further provides for automatic "deemed granted" approvals for wireless, wireline, and cable facilities if local governments do not act within the compressed prescribed timelines; and

WHEREAS, accelerated permitting mandates and automatic approval provisions may impose significant administrative burdens on local governments and create additional costs that may ultimately be borne by taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hollywood supports the expansion of broadband and advanced communications infrastructure to improve connectivity, economic development, educational opportunities, public safety communications, and access to technology for residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, local governments play a crucial role in facilitating the safe and efficient deployment of broadband infrastructure within public rights-of-way while protecting public infrastructure, neighboring properties, and residents from harms associated by poorly planned or improperly executed construction activities; and

WHEREAS, local governments review, coordinate, and manage construction activities within public rights-of-way in order to protect public infrastructure, ensure traffic safety, maintain ADA accessibility, coordinate infrastructure improvements to avoid utility conflicts, preserve drainage systems, minimize disruptions to residents and businesses, and ensure compliance with local engineering and construction standards; and

WHEREAS, broadband infrastructure projects frequently involve excavation, directional drilling, utility relocations, lane closures, maintenance of traffic plans, sidewalk impacts, and restoration activities that require careful technical review and coordination among utility companies, contractors, and the public; and

WHEREAS, the “deemed granted” provisions contained within H.R. 2289 could result in infrastructure installations proceeding without adequate technical review, utility coordination, restoration requirements, or consideration of site-specific public safety and operational concerns; and

WHEREAS, the City urges federal and state legislators to pursue balanced solutions that promote broadband infrastructure deployment while preserving reasonable local authority necessary to protect public infrastructure, ensure public safety, manage rights-of-way, coordinate infrastructure improvements and with utility conflicts, recover legitimate administrative and restoration costs, and ensure that infrastructure is constructed in a safe and responsible and context sensitive manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the foregoing “WHEREAS” clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated in this Resolution.

Section 2: That the City Commission strongly opposes H.R. 2289, also known as the American Broadband Deployment Act of 2025, which further limits the City’s Home Rule authority.

Section 3: That the City Clerk is authorized and directed to transmit this Resolution to the Florida Congressional Delegation and other appropriate parties as deemed appropriate.

Section 4: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

JOSH LEVY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

DAMARIS Y. HENLON
CITY ATTORNEY