## SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

**MOTION NO. 23-309** 

## APPROVAL OF BROADBAND SPENDING PLAN THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

WHEREAS, in 2023 the Snohomish County Council appropriated \$10,000,000.00 of the County's ARPA CLFR funds to expand broadband access; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrate the crucial need for Countywide, reliable high-speed internet; and

WHEREAS, to develop a proposal to address these needs, the Broadband Task Force was formed and is comprised of Council and Executive staff; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County has secured Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery (CLFR) grant funds under the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); and

WHEREAS, the ARPA funding plan centers digital equity and attempts to balance both high-quality access with adoption of services that already exists; and

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council approves the 2023-2026 Broadband Spending Plan in the amount of \$10,000,000.00.

PASSED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

Jared Mead
Council Chair

ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk of the Council