POUDRE RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BALLOT QUESTION 2B

WHEREAS, the need for reliable, affordable and high-speed broadband services continues to grow as more daily life functions and activities are conducted online; and,

WHEREAS, public libraries and higher-education institutions have a significant stake in ensuring their patrons, students, and educators are able to access their material and information and are able to disseminate their own content with high-quality Internet access; and,

WHEREAS, access to high-capacity broadband ensures that all persons are afforded the same digital opportunity regardless of geographic location, income level and other demographics; and,

WHEREAS, the mission of the Poudre River Public Library District is to provide universal access to ideas and information to enrich our communities; and,

WHEREAS, high-speed broadband access is key to economic development and increases our community's ability to attract and retain businesses; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins wants to ensure that its residents, businesses and community anchors have reliable and affordable high-quality Internet access; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins wishes to explore its options in providing next-generation broadband services to residents, businesses and community anchors, but to do so requires voter approval to exempt the City from Colorado Senate Bill 05-152 (SB-152); and,

WHEREAS, voters in the City of Fort Collins will be asked to approve an exemption to SB-152 in the upcoming general election on November 3, 2015.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Poudre River Public Library District Board of Trustees:

1. Supports and endorses ballot question 2B to exempt the City of Fort Collins from SB-152.

RESOLUTION APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.

POUDRE RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

By:

President

ATTEST:

By: