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**A C O N C U R R E N T R E S O L U T I O N**

To memorialize the President and Congress to continue to 1  
protect net neutrality and open internet access. 2

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, High-speed internet access services, including 3  
wired and wireless technologies, are essential in the 21st 4  
century for economic competitiveness and quality of life; and 5

WHEREAS, Broadband infrastructure is vital to the operation 6  
and management of other critical infrastructures, including 7  
energy generation systems, the power grid, water supply systems, 8  
smart cities, the Internet of Things, public safety and 9  
emergency response systems, medical facilities, educational 10  
institutions, and libraries; and 11

WHEREAS, Studies confirm that the use of broadband advanced 12  
communication services increases economic productivity, public 13  
and private organizational operation efficiency, and enhanced 14  
business profitability; and 15

WHEREAS, The provision and maintenance of equitable access 16  
to technology, broadband internet access services, digital 17  
content, and management tools are necessary for all students, 18

teachers, and school administrators in Ohio, including those in 19  
rural and other unserved and underserved areas, in order to 20  
provide high-quality educational resources to all students at 21  
all education levels; and 22

WHEREAS, The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) 23  
adopted open internet rules on February 26, 2015, to protect 24  
free expression and innovation on the internet and to promote 25  
investment in the nation's broadband networks; and 26

WHEREAS, Those open internet rules ensure that consumers 27  
and businesses have access to a fast, fair, and open internet by 28  
imposing three bright-line rules: (1) Broadband providers shall 29  
not block access to lawful content, applications, services, or 30  
non-harmful devices; (2) Broadband providers shall not impair or 31  
degrade lawful internet traffic on the basis of content, 32  
application, or service, or use of a non-harmful device; and (3) 33  
Broadband providers shall not favor some lawful internet traffic 34  
over other lawful internet traffic in exchange for consideration 35  
of any kind; and 36

WHEREAS, Because the internet must be a place in which 37  
companies, large and small, as well as individual developers, 38  
can compete on a level playing field, Ohio supports net 39  
neutrality as a principle that underpins a fast, fair, and open 40  
internet for consumers and businesses to ensure equal access to 41  
lawful content by prohibiting paid prioritization, price 42  
gouging, throttling, and blocking; now therefore be it 43

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 132nd General Assembly 44  
of the State of Ohio, strongly support net neutrality and open 45  
internet access, view them as high priorities for Ohio and the 46  
country, and oppose any federal efforts to rescind or block 47  
them; and be it further 48

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 132nd General Assembly 49

of the State of Ohio, respectfully urge the President of the 50  
United States and the United States Congress to continue to 51  
protect net neutrality and open internet access; and be it 52  
further 53

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 54  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 55  
President and Vice President of the United States, to the 56  
Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to the 57  
President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, to each 58  
member of the Ohio congressional delegation, and to the sponsor 59  
for appropriate distribution. 60