

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM  
AND SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED CONGRESSIONAL FUNDING**

**WHEREAS**, In our modern society, the internet is a critical piece of infrastructure, without which our residents cannot access needed educational, healthcare, governmental, and employment resources, not to mention participating in community through communicating with neighbors and loved ones; and

**WHEREAS**, Despite the technological leaps of recent decades, still too many of our constituents are left without access to high-speed internet due to a lack of infrastructure or prohibitively high costs, particularly affecting underserved communities, veterans and military families, and seniors, leading to significant economic, health, and other disparities; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2021 as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Congress established the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), a \$14.2 billion program which supports eligible low-income households struggling to afford monthly internet service by ensuring that such households have the connections and equipment they need for work, school, healthcare, and participation in society more generally; and

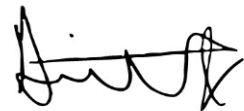
**WHEREAS**, Since its inception, the ACP's monthly discounts towards internet service and one-time discount on purchases of a laptop, desktop, or tablet have helped over 23,000,000 households, nearly half of the households are military families, one-in-four are African American, and one-in-four are Latino; and

**WHEREAS**, However, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) ceased to accept new applications for the ACP on February 8, 2024, as the initial \$14.2 billion appropriated by Congress is expected to run out in April 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Without further action from Congress, the ACP will sunset, causing millions of American households to lose their access to this vital technological infrastructure; now; therefore

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago affirm our support for the Affordable Connectivity Program, and urge Congress to take immediate action to approve funding that will allow the Federal Communications Commission to continue providing this much needed assistance to ensure eligible low-income households continued access to high-speed internet necessary for work, education, healthcare, and participation in our modern society; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That suitable copies of this resolution be sent to President Joseph R. Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, and the Illinois Congressional delegation.



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