

RESOLUTION 02-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE REDWOOD REGION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF BRINGING FIBER OPTICS TO HUMBOLDT COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy identifies the installation of high-speed data lines (fiber optics) as the number one industry need for the local Information and Technology Cluster; and

WHEREAS, the need for high-speed data lines is critical to the growth and success of many other local businesses; and

WHEREAS, access to high-speed data transmission is critical to the growth and success of local educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, growth in information technology is a key part of the economic diversification of Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, lack of access to high-speed data lines is currently depriving local businesses and educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Redwood Region Economic Development Commission represents 19 local entities including the County Humboldt, all seven Humboldt County cities, seven Community Service Districts, the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District, the Redwoods Community College District, the Hoopa Valley Tribe and the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District; and

WHEREAS, the Redwood Region Economic Development Commission's mission is to coordinate countywide economic development by expanding the opportunities for capital available to local businesses and organizations, provide leadership in regional policy and program development, and add economic development capacity to local agencies and organizations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Redwood Region Economic Development Commission hereby declares its strong support for bringing fiber optics to Humboldt County without further delay in the project.

Adopted this 29th day of July, 2002.

Councilman Tom Cooke, City of Fortuna
Chairperson