



Legislation Text

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**Narrative of Resolution:**

Authorize Sullivan County to enter into a contract with Archtop Fiber, LLC for construction of a Fiber Optic Broadband Network

**If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:**

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**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ARCHTOP FIBER, LLC FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A FIBER OPTIC BROADBAND NETWORK**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Sullivan County Legislature authorizes the Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature or the County Manager to enter into an agreement for such joint venture to construct and make available to the residents and businesses of Sullivan County high speed internet service; and

**BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said agreement shall be in a form acceptable to the Sullivan County Attorney.

**WHEREAS**, Access to High Speed Broadband service is a compelling interest for the County of Sullivan; and

**WHEREAS**, Economic Development of underserved areas of Sullivan County is significantly hampered by the lack of reliable high speed internet access; and

**WHEREAS**, there are substantial areas of the County on both the eastern and western ends of the county that are underserved by current high speed internet services; and

**WHEREAS**, The County of Sullivan has demonstrated a commitment to addressing these shortcomings by the establishment of the Sullivan County Broadband LDC which was charged with the development of a wireless high speed internet network targeting those underserved areas of Sullivan County; and

**WHEREAS**, Wireless provides one solution however, fiber to the home connectivity will provide a far more reliable and versatile signal directly to each home or structure; and

**WHEREAS**, Archtop Fiber, LLC is a private entity with necessary capital to invest in the construction of a fiber optic network which will ultimately create high speed connectivity to much of the underserved areas of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, Archtop Fiber, LLC and the County of Sullivan have explored a private - public venture which will expedite delivery of services to those underserved areas with a hybrid solution which includes both a fiber optic and wireless network.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Sullivan County Legislature (“Legislature”) hereby adopts this resolution in support of this private - public venture between the County of Sullivan and Archtop Fiber, LLC to construct the optic infrastructure necessary to service much of the currently underserved areas of both the western and eastern portions of Sullivan County; and