

# CITY OF OKANOGAN

Mayor Wayne L. Turner



**February 6, 2024**

**Wayne L. Turner, Mayor  
City of Okanogan  
PO Box 752  
Okanogan, WA 98840**

**Re: Colville Tribes Broadband Project Letter of Support**

Dear NTIA Staff,

As Mayor of the City of Okanogan, I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the proposed broadband project by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation.

The project will be largely focused on serving the Omak HUD homes between East Omak and Riverside, along with Highway 97 south from Okanogan to Brewster and Bridgeport. Connectivity in a rural community is extremely important as it provides our residents and businesses access to necessary programs and services. Access to services in education, healthcare, public safety, and government are vital to the residents in our county.

Lack of reliable broadband service inhibits our community from growing and prospering in a society largely dependent on connectivity for all aspects of our lives. This project would provide fiber access to nearly 900 homes, as well as 100 community anchor institutions and small businesses.

We fully support the Colville Tribes Broadband Project and respectfully ask NTIA Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program to consider their proposal.

With Gratitude,

Wayne L. Turner, Mayor  
City of Okanogan

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