WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) voted three to two on December 14, 2017, to allow internet providers to slow down and block access to websites the providers disfavor and to speed up access to self-dealing websites; and

WHEREAS, both Republican and Democratic administrations have espoused four guiding principles: freedom to access any web content, freedom to use home broadband connection on any device, freedom to access and use any online application, and the freedom to have access to subscription pricing and information from providers; and

WHEREAS, the FCC voted to dismantle net neutrality, endangering the freedom of access to the internet that Missourians and all Americans enjoy; and

WHEREAS, there is bipartisan support to maintain the level playing field of the internet and ensure equal access to content and information; and

WHEREAS, consumer groups, technology companies, and average citizens have voiced strong opposition to ending the existing open-internet policy; and

WHEREAS, unraveling net neutrality will increase costs and decrease access to the internet for Missourians:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-ninth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby urge the United States Congress to support and pass legislation reinstating net neutrality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
majority and minority leaders of the United States Senate, the Speaker and minority leader of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Missouri congressional delegation.