

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC WIRELESS IN URBANA

WHEREAS, the social benefits of developing a community wireless infrastructure are numerous ranging from helping local government increase efficiency and service, extending the reach of public health services, providing educators with affordable high-tech resources, empowering citizens and organizations through communications, and bolstering the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana is home to a world class university conducting wireless research and cutting edge non-profit wireless development now deployed throughout Illinois and in Ghana, South Africa, California, Washington DC, Kansas, and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, wireless development in the City of Urbana has brought positive attention to our community and state, having been highlighted in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, National Public Radio, BBC, Washington Post, Economist, Nation, Forbes, and St. Louis Dispatch, and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, Urbana has invested in extending open access wireless in the library and in key business and social gathering points in downtown; and

WHEREAS, the Urbana City Council has stated that the expansion of public wireless is one of its top goals over the next four years; and

WHEREAS, community groups have located dozens of open access wireless nodes around downtown Urbana with the support of substantial foundation grants; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana is positioned to be a state and national model for the affordable deployment of municipal wireless.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Urbana supports public and community wireless in Urbana and seeks support to expand our municipal wireless network.

That a copy of this resolution be sent to Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn, State Representative Naomi Jakobsson, State Senator Rick Winkel, U.S. Senator Richard Durbin, U.S. Senator Barack Obama, and U.S. Congressman Timothy Johnson.

PASSED by the City Council this 17th day of April,
2006.



D. Clark
City Clerk

Robert
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this 24th day of April,
2006.

Laurel Lunt Prussing
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor