

*CITY of PORTAGE DES SIOUX, MO.*

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**RESOLUTION #100509**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PUBLIC POLICY THAT  
ENCOURAGES GREATER INVESTMENT**

WHEREAS, Consumers benefit from greater choice, better products and better prices when the communications marketplace is driven by competition between many different providers and technologies, instead of multiple layers of outmoded regulation, and

WHEREAS, recent technological advances like wireless telephony and broadband communications are widely available and competitively priced today because policy makers empowered consumers, instead of regulation, to drive the marketplace, and

WHEREAS, consumers are best served by public policy that removes barriers that could delay or prevent providers from deploying infrastructure to offer new communications devices, and

WHEREAS, Missouri's intra-state access charges are among the highest in the nation and these high access charges are a barrier to new investment in the latest technology in rural and metro areas, and

WHEREAS, high access charges result in higher long distance rates for business and residential consumers, and

WHEREAS, high access charges subsidize-certain companies at the expense of other companies and their customers, and

WHEREAS, updating the outdated access fee scheme that hinders new investment will provide the citizens and businesses of our state better opportunity to receive the most innovative and up to date communications options to compete globally, and

WHEREAS, the City of Portage des Sioux is an organization that believes the free enterprise system is the best system available for both consumers and business, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Portage des Sioux encourages policy makers to update the current intrastate access fee structure to encourage greater competition and remove a potential barrier to greater access to communications technology and investment.

Read and adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009.

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Mark D. Warner, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Suzie A. Cissell, City Clerk

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