Governor Whitmer believes every family and business in Michigan deserves access to a reliable, affordable high-speed internet connection that meets their needs. High-speed internet expands economic opportunity for families, enhances educational experiences for students, and allows for remote access to key health care services.

Increasing high-speed internet for homes and businesses

- Set a <u>state goal</u> to provide 100% access to high-speed internet and 95% adoption by households during the
 next five years.
- <u>Created the Michigan High-Speed Internet Office</u> and the <u>Connecting Michigan Task Force</u> to coordinate the state's high-speed internet work and align the work with economic development opportunities.
- Since taking office, connected over 23,000 homes, businesses, and unserved locations to meet the state goal to provide 100% access to high-speed internet and 95% adoption during the next five years in advance of over \$1.5 billion through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program that will connect over 200,000 Michiganders.
- <u>Announced</u> a \$203 million investment to connect over 70,000 unserved homes, businesses, and locations to high-speed internet through the Realizing Opportunity with Broadband Infrastructure Networks grant program.
- Mapped high-speed internet access in all 83 counties.
- Won <u>\$6.3 million grant</u> from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to expand high-speed internet and pursue digital equity.
- Announced <u>\$61 million in grants</u> to build 525 miles of high-speed internet.
- Launched the <u>Michigan ACP Act Now Initiative</u>, to boost awareness of the Affordable Connectivity Program, a \$14.2 billion federal program to increase connectivity.

Coordinating state government action on high-speed internet

- Named a <u>Chief Connectivity Officer</u> to lead the state's broadband efforts and leverage funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).
- Launched the MI Connected Future tour to highlight regional efforts on expanding high-speed internet.
- Signed the <u>Broadband Expansion Act of Michigan</u>, codifying the Connecting Michigan Communities Grant Program, a grant program to fill internet access gaps in underserved communities.