I have children in school who need access to high-speed internet for their education."

-Lowell, MI

# WORKING TO CLOSE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

Problem-solving in the **broadband space** can be complicated.

**Connected Nation's** teams can help.

Our nearly **25 years of experience** is at your fingertips.

THE **DIGITAL DIVIDE** 

16.9 million SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

42 million

1/3
OF AMERICAN WORKERS
LACKING DIGITAL SKILLS

13% OF TRIBAL RESIDENTS

### Everyone Belongs.

**Our mission** is to improve lives by providing innovative solutions that expand the access, adoption, and use of high-speed internet and its related technologies.

To learn more: **connectednation.org** 877.846.7710 info@connectednation.org



"I work from home. I will lose money if I have to go to the office due to drive time, child care, and gas money."

~Glasgow, KY

## **Conducting** groundbreaking research & analysis

- Leading cutting-edge research in telehealth, telework, broadband planning, digital inclusion, and more.
- Award-winning Geospatial Services offering broadband mapping, engineering, and technical services.

#### Connected Nation has been busy...

**Developing** maps and analyses in 17 states

Mapping 40% of the US land mass for connectivity

**Verifying** broadband coverage for 250,000+ road miles

## **Leading** in broadband policy & advocacy

 Advising policymakers as the "go to" resource for state lawmakers, broadband offices, federal leaders to track, plan, and promote broadband work.

#### Connected Nation has been busy...

**Administering** more than \$87 million in federal broadband grants

**Providing** policy briefs on broadband-related legislation

**Serving** on the Digital Equity Advisory and Broadband Deployment Advisory Committees for the FCC

**Providing** strategic communications services for state and local leaders

## **Helping** smaller cities and rural areas keep pace

- Building carrier-neutral internet exchange point (IXP) facilities on university campuses in regional hub communities.
- IXPs matter because they help lower cost, increase speeds, and foster competition.
- At the start of 2024, 14 states and 3 territories did not have an IXP.

#### **Advancing** digital inclusion

 Addressing the need for telework guidance and digital skills training for ALL people – no matter their age or background.

#### Connected Nation has been busy...

**Providing** 60,000+ internet enabled devices

**Training** 15,000+ adult-learners on digital skills

Conducting 1,000+ workshops and job fairs across 17 states

**Partnering** with 1,300+ community groups for digital equity programs

**Training** and job placements for 1000+ Digital Works grads

## **Providing** technology assistance & planning

- We've provided guidance to state broadband offices, governors, and other state-level leaders in 30+ states and territories.
- We've also provided local and regional planning in 650+ communities through our Connected Community Engagement Program.