

**Everyone** Belongs©

**DIGITAL DIVIDE-**

THE

16.9 million

SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

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

I am a senior with a need for internet access."

~Plainwell, MI

THE **DIGITAL DIVIDE** 

13% of tribal RESIDENTS

# 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.

**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.



THE DIGITAL DIVIDE IS 1/3
of American workers LACKING DIGITAL SKILLS

### **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

# **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.



"We are on a working cattle ranch that has cost-prohibitive, low-quality internet service. Please help us."

-Columbus, TX

## **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* \$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

### **Providing** technology assistance & planning

We've provided guidance to state broadband offices, governors, and other state-level leaders in 30+ states and territories.

#### **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** 95,000+ 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 1,000+ Digital Works grads

We've also provided local and regional planning in 650+ communities through our Connected Community Engagement Program.

