Haskell Indian Nations University
NATIONAL HASKELL BOARD OF REGENTS
155 Indian Avenue – Lawrence, Kansas 66046

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RESOLUTION No. 2026-01

Approving and Authorizing of the Haskell Indian Nations University's submission of grant proposal: RE: National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA) U.S. Department of Commerce Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program.

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WHEREAS, the National Board of Regents of Haskell Indian Nations University ("Board of Regents") is the duly constituted body charged with advising the President of Haskell Indian Nations University ("Haskell") and representing the interests of national Tribal governments in matters affecting Haskell's programs, policies, and operations; and

WHEREAS, Haskell was established by the U.S. government in 1884 as Haskell Institute and has been continuously authorized by Congress and operated by the Department of Interior in partial fulfillment of treaty and trust responsibilities to American Indians and Alaska Natives; and

WHEREAS, the National Board of Regents is comprised of members nominated by tribal governments and regional tribal organizations to represent regions throughout the United States, including the Eastern, Pacific, Northwest, Alaska, Eastern Oklahoma, Great Plains, Midwest, Navajo, Rocky Mountain, Southern Plains, Southwest, and Western Regions, along with the Four Tribes of Kansas, in addition to representatives from the Haskell Student Government Association and Haskell Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, the National Board of Regents supports the state of Kansas' Office of Broadband Development's Broadband Equity Access and Deployment buildout in Douglas County where Haskell is located; and

WHEREAS, the National Board of Regents has recognized that and supports Haskell's proposal pursuant to the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program Round 3 for Use and Adoption funds, administered by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) of the U.S. Department of Commerce, and

WHEREAS, Notice of Funding Opportunity, Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program,Funding Opportunity Number 2026-NTIA-TBCP, aligns with the Haskell's "Strategic Plan Onward 2030, Institutional Priority 6: Technology, Digital Infrastructure, and Distance Education; to establish a Haskell Global Campus and affiliated Haskell Center for Online and Distanace Learning to assist with maintaining a high-quality distance education learning environment; and

WHEREAS, University leadership will work with qualified non-profit partners such as the **National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education, the Haskell Foundation, and approved consultants** to finalize the submission of the proposal application to meet the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program and deadline **of November 17, 2026;**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents approves and authorizes the Haskell Indian Nations University's submission of grant proposal: RE: National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA) , U.S. Department of Commerce Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted on the 4th of November 2026 at a Special Call Meeting via ZOOM of the National Haskell Board of Regents, during which 8 members were present, constituting a quorum, by a vote of 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining, 7 absent from voting with the President not voting.

Dalton J. Henry, President

Jessica L. James, Secretary