



# Resolution

**No. 2018-47**

## **State Statute Telecommuter Forward! Certificate**

**WHEREAS**, In accordance with state statute 196.5045, Bayfield County wishes to apply to the Public Service Commissioner for certification as a Telecommuter Forward! Community; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Bayfield County supports and commits to promoting the availability of telecommuting options; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Telecommuting is good for our region. Workers who can work remotely anywhere can purchase real estate and add to our tax base, send their children to school here, purchase goods and services in our area, and add to the overall economic development of our area, enjoy the flexibility of working at home to promote a healthy family life; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Telecommuter Forward! Certification will encourage municipalities and broadband providers to partner together to further job opportunities in the teleworking field; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, Trends are that rural population is declining, however, young to middle-age adults are moving back to rural areas; *and*

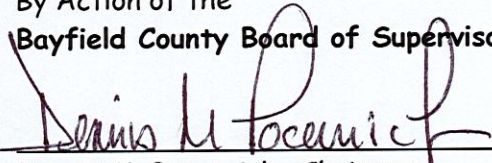
**WHEREAS**, More Telecommuting jobs can keep the younger population here, encourage middle agers to stay or move back, and Telecommuting is a vibrant option for the 65+ age group.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 29th day of May 2018, Bayfield County designates the Bayfield County Economic Director (Currently Scottie Sandstrom) as the single point of contact for coordinating telecommuting opportunities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Economic Development Corporation Director shall:

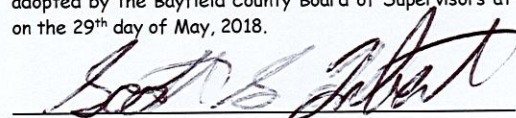
- Coordinate and partner with broadband providers, realtors, economic development professionals, employers, employees, and other telecommuting stakeholders.
- Collaborate with broadband providers and employers to identify, develop, and market telecommuter-capable broadband packages.
- Communicate and partner with broadband providers and economic development professionals to develop common goals.
- Promote telecommuter-friendly workspaces, such as business incubators with telecommuting spaces,
- Be familiar with broadband mapping tools and other state-level resources.
- Maintain regular communication with the state broadband office.
- Make regular reports to the governing body of the political subdivision.

By Action of the  
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors

  
Dennis M. Pocernich, *Chairman*

STATE OF WISCONSIN     )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF BAYFIELD    )

I, Scott S. Fibert, Bayfield County Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2018-47, Volume 26, adopted by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

  
Scott S. Fibert, Bayfield County Clerk