

1 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
2 Commerce the sum of seven million four hundred thousand dollars (\$7,400,000) to be used to
3 establish a matching funds pool to leverage federal funds through the American Recovery and
4 Reinvestment Act for Broadband Technology Opportunity Grants for the purpose of mapping
5 and deploying broadband technology in the State's rural communities.

6 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.