A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING SUPPORT FOR THE

ACCESSIBLE TECHNOLOGY AFFORDABILITY ACT

WHEREAS, technology can play a big role in opening opportunities for blind people, both technology used by the general public and technology specifically designed for the blind; and

WHEREAS, using technology created for those who can see usually requires some adaptation that adds to its cost; and

WHEREAS, technology made specifically for the blind is quite often expensive given its complexity and the smaller number of consumers of the product; and

WHEREAS, getting money for technology can be difficult if, as is often the case, needed equipment cannot be covered by agencies for the blind; and

WHEREAS, it is not uncommon for specialized technology to cost from $2,000 to $6,000; and

WHEREAS, the Accessible Technology Affordability Act, H.R. 2086 and S 815 is being considered by the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate respectively and will, when passed, help offset the cost of specialized technology with a refundable tax credit; and

WHEREAS, four members of Congress from Missouri have added their names as cosponsors, but six have not voice their support through action: Now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the National Federation of the Blind of Missouri in Convention assembled virtually this 7th day of June, 2020, that we strongly urge Senator Hawley, Congressman Hartzler, Congressman Clay, Congressman Long, Congressman Smith, Congressman Graves, and Congresswoman Wagner to add their names to this legislation that will create and expand opportunities for blind Missourians and other blind people in our country.