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Proclaiming 2026 Digital Inclusion Week in Los Angeles County

On October 7, 2025, the County of Los Angeles (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) formally recognized and proclaimed 2025 National Digital Inclusion Week (DIW), under the theme, “Community-Driven Digital Futures,” observed from Monday, October 6 through Friday, October 10, 2025. The Board directed[1] the Internal Services Department (ISD), in coordination with the Countywide Intergovernmental Broadband Coordinating Committee; the Chief Executive Office; the Los Angeles County Office of Education; the Department of Aging and Disabilities; the County Library; the Department of Parks and Recreation; and other relevant County departments and regional partners, to co-create the County's first three-year, action-oriented Digital Equity Roadmap (Roadmap)[2]. The Roadmap was presented to the Board for consideration via a Final Report[3] on August 14, 2026.

The Roadmap aims to reduce the digital divide across the County by expanding residents’ access to internet connectivity, technology, digital skills, and essential support systems that strengthen civic participation, economic mobility, and overall quality of life.

[1] Motion _ Co-Creating a Digital Equity Roadmap for Los Angeles County 2025
[2] Los Angeles County Digital Equity Roadmap June 2026
[3] 1215053_ISDReportBack-LosAngelesCountyDigitalEquityRoadmap-August2026.pdf

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Despite ongoing progress, the County continues to face a significant digital divide, with an estimated 167,309 households (4.8 percent) lacking an internet subscription and 82,792 households (2.4 percent) without a computing device at home.

To accelerate efforts to close this divide, and with the Roadmap serving as the catalyst, the County should recognize and proclaim the week of Sunday, October 4 through Saturday, October 10, 2026, as National DIW, under the theme "Sustain, Empower, Evolve: Building a Brighter Digital Future in Los Angeles County." National DIW is an annual week dedicated to awareness, celebration, and recognition, during which digital inclusion leaders and practitioners across the country showcase their digital equity efforts.

In alignment with National DIW, ISD should plan, organize, and host the County Connected Digital Equity Roadmap Action Summit (Summit) on October 7, 2026. The Summit will serve as the formal launch of the Roadmap implementation framework and build Countywide momentum by highlighting innovative, resident-centered initiatives and programs while facilitating coordinated action among County departments, related agencies, and regional community partners. Participating organizations will be encouraged to commit to Roadmap-aligned activities that advance digital inclusion for residents. Through strategic dialogue, resource-sharing, and cross-sector stakeholder engagement, the Summit will strengthen regional partnerships and enhance implementation success.

Furthermore, with ISD serving as the lead department, the County should continue building on its commitment to bridging the digital divide by leveraging existing digital inclusion activities, supportive resources, and current funding sources. These efforts should advance equitable access to, and use of, broadband internet; computing devices; digital skills and AI literacy; digital navigation support; and workforce development pathways for County residents.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1) Proclaim Sunday, October 4 through Saturday, October 10, 2026, as National Digital Inclusion Week in Los Angeles County (County), under the theme “Sustain, Empower, Evolve: Building a Brighter Digital Future.”

2) Encourage the Director of the Internal Services Department, in coordination with the directors of relevant County departments, related agencies, and regional community partners and stakeholders, to commemorate National Digital Inclusion Week on October 7, 2026, by hosting the County Connected Digital Equity Roadmap Action Summit and formally launching the County's Digital Equity Roadmap implementation framework.
3) Encourage the Director of the Internal Services Department to ensure that the Digital Equity Roadmap implementation framework leverages existing digital inclusion activities, supportive resources, and current funding sources.

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