

## **RESOLUTION NO.**

**WHEREAS**, public, educational and government (PEG) channels play a significant role in the City of Austin; and

**WHEREAS**, local PEG channels bring unique voices, perspectives, and programming and are valuable resources for local information and discourse for the residents of the City of Austin; and

**WHEREAS**, PEG channels televise local government meetings, including city council, planning commission, county board and school board meetings, to keep citizens informed about the actions taken by local elected officials; and

**WHEREAS**, PEG channels contribute to the democratic process by providing opportunities for candidates to discuss local issues during election campaigns; and

**WHEREAS**, PEG channels provide a window through which residents can view the diversity of cultures, recreational activities and artistic endeavors in their local community; and

**WHEREAS**, PEG channels reflect the unique identity of the communities they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to preserve PEG channels and funding for PEG channels, and to ensure that the channels continue to be available to the entire community to serve the residents of the City of Austin; and

**WHEREAS**, as of the date of this resolution, legislation is pending in Congress that addresses critical and immediate threats to PEG; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The Austin City Council supports immediate passage of federal legislation to preserve PEG channels and funding for PEG channels to ensure that the channels continue to be available to the entire community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The Austin City Council calls on the members of the congressional delegation representing the City of Austin to take all possible actions in support of the passage of federal legislation to preserve PEG channels and funding, including but not limited to endorsing, co-sponsoring and voting for such legislation, and to work for its rapid passage.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2009      **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk