

RESOLUTION NO.

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

WHEREAS, local PEG channels are a unique and valuable resource for local information and discourse for the residents of the Austin; and

WHEREAS, PEG channels televise local government meetings, including city council, local commissions, county board and school board meetings, and the Texas Legislature, so that citizens are informed about the actions taken by local elected officials; and

WHEREAS, PEG channels encourage the creation of local programming by civic groups and non-profits and provide vital information in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, it is important to preserve PEG channels and funding for PEG channels from cable providers 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, currently pending before Congress is H.R. 1746 which would establish the Community Access Preservation (CAP) Act; and

WHEREAS, the CAP Act would permit municipalities to use PEG franchise fees for operating expenses in addition to capital expenses; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Council supports immediate passage of H.R. 1746, the
Community Access Preservation Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City Council calls on our Congressional delegation to take all
possible actions in support of the passage H.R. 1746 , including but not limited to
endorsing, co-sponsoring and voting for H.R. 1746, and to work for its rapid
passage.

ADOPTED:_____, 2011

ATTEST:_____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk