

**RESOLUTION NO. 20110609-042**

**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:**

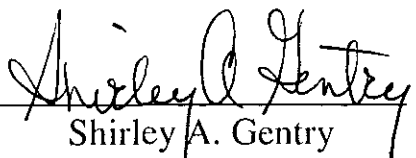
The City Council supports immediate passage of H.R. 1746, the  
Community Access Preservation Act; and

**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:** June 9, 2011

**ATTEST:**

  
Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk