

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2**

### **A RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY ACCESS PRESERVATION ACT (THE CAP ACT), WHICH ADDRESSES CRITICAL AND IMMEDIATE THREATS TO LOCAL, PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENT ACCESS TELEVISION CHANNELS**

WHEREAS, public, educational and government (PEG) access channels are one of the last surviving sources for local television programming across the country and PEG channels play a significant role for Arkansas's cities and towns; and,

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

WHEREAS, PEG channels televise local government meetings, including city councils and boards and planning commissions so that citizens are informed about the actions taken by local officials; and,

WHEREAS, PEG channels are also utilized to communicate with citizens on municipal events and services and also provide advisories and directions to residents for emergency purposes; and,

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

WHEREAS, PEG channels reflect the unique identity of the cities and towns 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 citizens of Arkansas; and,

WHEREAS, the Community Access Preservation (CAP) Act, addresses critical and immediate threats to PEG; and,

WHEREAS, the CAP Act provides important solutions for critical and immediate threats to PEG channels and facilities across the country by removing use restrictions on PEG access fees, restoring PEG revenue streams, and ending cable operators' discriminatory treatment of PEG channels; and,

WHEREAS, the CAP Act would allow PEG fees to once again be used for any legitimate PEG expense, instead of restricting PEG fees to capital expenses only.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE, IN 79<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION ASSEMBLED:

That we do hereby urge members of the Arkansas Congressional Delegation to take all actions necessary in support of the immediate passage of the CAP Act, including, but not limited to endorsing, co-sponsoring and voting for the CAP Act.



**6-21-13**

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**Date Adopted**

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**President, Mayor Chris Claybaker**