Resolution No. R-12-11

Passed _____

May 16

2011

Introduced by Jim Sands

Community Issues Committee

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY ACCESS PRESERVATION ACT (THE CAP ACT).

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

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

WHEREAS, PEG channels televise local government meetings, including City Council, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Shade Tree Commission, and Mayor's Press Conference, so that citizens are informed about the actions taken by local elected officials; and

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

WHEREAS, it is important to preserve PEG channels and funding for PEG channels, and to ensure that the channels, such as The Government Channel, Athens Community Television continue to be available to the entire community to serve the residents of the City of Athens; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ATHENS COUNTY, OHIO, THAT:

<u>SECTION I</u>: Athens City Council does hereby support the immediate passage of the Community Access Preservation Act.

SECTION II: Athens City Council calls on our Congressional delegation to take all possible actions in support of the passage of the Community Access Preservation Act, including but not limited to endorsing, co-sponsoring and voting for the Community Access Preservation Act, and to work for its rapid passage.

SECTION III: This Resolution shall be in effect and full force upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

President of Council

APPROVED: Jour Will

Mayor

ATTEST

Clerk of Council