

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. URGING CONGRESS TO SUPPORT H.R. 1746, THE COMMUNITY ACCESS PRESERVATION ACT, WHICH ADDRESSES CRITICAL AND IMMEDIATE THREATS TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENT ACCESS CHANNELS.

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

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

WHEREAS, PEG channels televise local government meetings, including city commission, planning commission, county and school board meetings, 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 to provide emergency advisories and preparation directions to citizens; 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 communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, it is important to preserve PEG channels and funding for PEG channels, and to assure the channels continue to be available to the entire community to serve the citizens of Florida municipalities; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1746, the Community Access Preservation (CAP) Act, addresses critical and immediate threats to PEG 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 FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.:

Section 1. That the Florida League of Cities, Inc. urges members of Florida's Congressional Delegation to take all actions in support of the immediate passage of H.R. 1746, including, but not limited to, endorsing, co-sponsoring and voting for H.R. 1746.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution be provided to the Florida Congressional Delegation and the National League of Cities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Florida League of Cities, Inc., in conference assembled at the League's 85th Annual Conference, at the Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando, Florida, this 13th Day of August 2011.

Joy Cooper, President
Florida League of Cities, Inc.
Mayor, Hallandale Beach

ATTEST: _____
Michael Sittig, Executive Director
Florida League of Cities, Inc.