

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2011

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING IMMEDIATE PASSAGE OF HR 1746 THE COMMUNITY ACCESS PRESERVATION ACT

- WHEREAS,** public, educational and government (PEG) access channels are one of the last surviving sources for local television programming across the country, and PEG access channels play a significant role in Forest Park, Greenhills, Springfield Township and Colerain Township (the Waycross Communities); and
- WHEREAS,** PEG channels are a unique and valuable resource for local information and discourse for the residents of Forest Park; and
- WHEREAS,** Waycross Community Media has been producing public service television for Forest Park since 1982, and televises a wealth of programming focused on our Waycross Communities, which have largely been ignored by Cincinnati broadcasters for decades; and
- WHEREAS,** Waycross PEG channels televise local government meetings, including city council, trustee, county commissioners, public library board, stormwater board, and school board meetings, and are a critical source of information for the residents about the actions taken by local elected officials; and
- WHEREAS,** the Waycross government access channel contributes to the democratic process by providing opportunities for candidates and others, to discuss local issues during election campaigns, including Election Forums and Candidate Profiles; and
- WHEREAS,** the Waycross educational access channel, televises hundreds of programs every year from the Finneytown, Northwest, Mt. Healthy and Winton Woods school districts that keep families and the community informed and in touch with the schools, including graduations, academic competitions, sports, talent shows, science fairs, awards ceremonies, school events and information, and other educational programs for all ages; and
- WHEREAS,** residents and community organizations also use the Waycross studio facilities and the Waycross public access channels to get their message out to the public and to produce their own programming, which provides a window through which viewers can experience the diversity of culture and entertainment, recreational activities, community events, faith based programming and artistic endeavors in their local community... creating television for the people and by the people; and
- WHEREAS,** Waycross PEG channels reflect the unique identity of our communities; and
- WHEREAS,** it is important to preserve PEG channels and the much needed funding for PEG facilities and operations, and to ensure that the channels continue to be available to the entire community to serve the residents of Forest Park, Greenhills, Springfield Township and Colerain Township; and

WHEREAS, HR 1746, the Community Access Preservation (CAP) Act, provides important solutions for critical and immediate threats to PEG channels and facilities across the country by removing use restrictions on Public, Educational and Government (PEG) access fees, restoring PEG revenue streams, and ending cable operators' discriminatory treatment of PEG channels.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION 1.

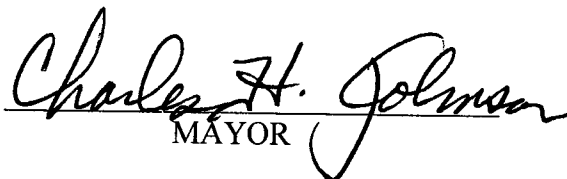
The City of Forest Park supports the immediate passage of HR 1746.

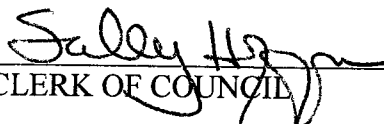
SECTION 2.

The City of Forest Park calls on our Congressional delegation to take all possible actions in support of the passage of HR 1746, including but not limited to endorsing, co-sponsoring and voting for HR 1746, and to work for its rapid passage, and directs the clerk of council to provide a copy of this resolution to our congressional delegation.

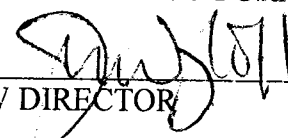
SECTION 3.

This resolution was duly PASSED and ADOPTED this 6th day of June, 2011,


MAYOR


CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


LAW DIRECTOR