



## *City of Salisbury* North Carolina

### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 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 channels play a significant role in Salisbury, North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, PEG channels are a unique and valuable resource for local information and discourse for the residents of Salisbury, North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, PEG channels televise local government meetings, including City Council, Planning Board, and County Commissioner 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 also provide advisories and preparation 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 communities 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 residents of Salisbury, North Carolina; and


**WHEREAS**, H.R. 1746, 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 preventing video providers from charging municipalities for the transmission of the 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** that the City of Salisbury, North Carolina urges United States Representative Howard Coble, Republican from North Carolina District 6, and United States Representative Melvin Watt, Democrat from North Carolina District 12, 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; and that a copy of this resolution be provided to United States Representative Coble and United States Representative Watt.

This the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2012.

  
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Paul B. Woodson, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Myra B. Heard, City Clerk