

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-321

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING IMMEDIATE PASSAGE OF HR 3745 AND CALLING ON THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO TAKE ALL POSSIBLE ACTIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE PASSAGE OF HR 3745; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

WHEREAS, PEG channels televise local government meetings, including city commission, planning commissions, county and school board meetings, 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, 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 the City of Coral Gables; and

WHEREAS, HR 3745, the Community Access Preservation (CAP) Act, addresses critical and immediate threats to PEG; and

WHEREAS, the Community Access Preservation (CAP) Act, HR 3745, would address the immediate issues facing PEG channels by;

- Allowing PEG fees to be used for any PEG-related purposes;
- Requiring PEG channels to be carried in the same manner as local broadcast channels;
- Requiring the FCC to study the effect state video franchise laws have had on PEG channels, and requiring operators to provide the greater of the support required under state laws, or the support historically provided for PEG; and
- Making cable television-related laws and regulations applicable to all landline video providers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. The Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida hereby supports immediate passage of HR 3745. The City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida calls on our Congressional delegation to take all possible actions in support of the passage of HR 3745, including but not limited to endorsing, cosponsoring and voting for HR 3745, and to work for its rapid passage.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to distribute a copy of this Resolution via facsimile to the Florida U.S. Congressional Delegation, to U.S. Senators Bill Nelson and George LeMieux, to the National League of Cities, to the Florida League of Cities, and to the Miami-Dade County League of Cities.

SECTION 4. That this resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS SEVENTEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D., 2009.
(Moved: Cabrera / Seconded: Anderson)
(Yeas: Cabrera, Kerdyk, Withers, Anderson, Slesnick)
(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)
(Agenda Item: C-12)

APPROVED:



DONALD D. SLESNICK II
MAYOR

ATTEST:



WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



ELIZABETH M. HERNANDEZ
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