

Resolution for HR 3745

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

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

WHEREAS, PEG channels televise local government meetings, including city council, planning commission, county board 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, 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 South Portland; and

WHEREAS, HR 3745, the Community Access Preservation Act, addresses critical and immediate threats to PEG.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The South Portland City Council supports immediate passage of HR 3745; and

The South Portland City Council calls on our Congressional delegation to take all possible actions in support of the passage of HR 3745, including but not limited to endorsing, co-sponsoring and voting for HR 3745, and to work for its rapid passage.