

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-R-43**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, URGING CONGRESS TO SUPPORT S. 1244, THE COMMUNITY ACCESS PRESERVATION ACT, WHICH ADDRESSES CRITICAL AND IMMEDIATE THREATS TO LOCAL, EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENT ACCESS CHANNELS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, public, educational and government (“PEG”) access channels are one of the last surviving sources for local television programming across the county and PEG channels 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 council, 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 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, funding for PEG channels and to ensure that they continue to be available to serve the residents of Florida municipalities and the entire community; and

**WHEREAS**, S. 1244, the Community Access Preservation (“CAP”) Act, addresses critical and immediate threats to PEG channels; 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 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.

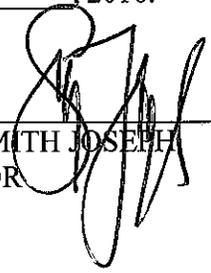
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1. Mayor and City Council Recommendation.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby urge the members of Florida's Congressional Delegation to take all actions in support of the immediate passage of S. 1244, including but not limited to, endorsing, co-sponsoring and voting for S. 1244.

**Section 2. Direction to the City Clerk.** The City Clerk is directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Florida congressional Delegation and the National League of Cities.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

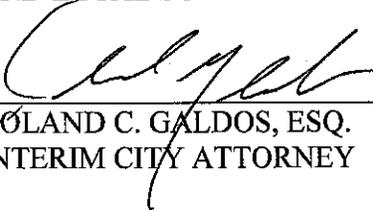
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by a 5 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 12th day of April, 2016.

  
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DR. SMITH JOSEPH  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
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ROLAND C. GALDOS, ESQ.  
INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Keys

Seconded by: Desulme

**Vote:**

Mayor Smith Joseph, D.O., Pharm. D.  
Vice Mayor Alix Desulme  
Councilman Scott Galvin  
Councilwoman Carol Keys, Esq.  
Councilman Philippe Bien-Aime

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