

**Resolution Opposing Statewide and
Federal Cable Franchising Legislation**

WHEREAS, The Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Act") provides an important role for municipal governments to negotiate the terms under which a cable television company may provide cable television service to its residents and

WHEREAS, under federal law, cable franchise agreements are non-exclusive meaning that more than one cable provider may serve a municipality at the same time, and

WHEREAS, Tulpehocken Township strongly supports existing legal protections that ensure that there are no barriers to cable competition, and

WHEREAS, Tulpehocken Township supports maintaining the current cable franchising process that requires cable providers to receive a local cable franchise in order to serve their respective residents using the municipality's public right-of-way - a cable franchise allows for both competition and local input, and

WHEREAS, the local cable franchising process has been an effective way for local communities to work with cable television providers to ensure that local cable-related needs and interests are addressed, and

WHEREAS, the elimination of the local cable franchising process would disable the municipality's ability to ensure competition is offered on equal terms to all residents, and

WHEREAS, municipalities and their residents have a significant and specific interest in the terms and conditions attendant to the award of a cable television franchise;

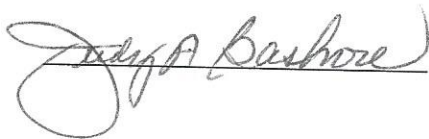
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Tulpehocken Township urges the Pennsylvania State Legislature and the United States Congress in the strongest possible manner, to oppose statewide cable franchising legislation in Pennsylvania and federal cable franchising legislation in Washington, DC.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be certified and forwarded to members of the State Legislative and Congressional delegations.


ADOPTED, this 10th day of July, 2006 by the Tulpehocken Township Board of Supervisors.

ATTEST:

Municipality: Tulpehocken Township



Joyce A. Bashore



President or Chairman