

Resolution in Support of Public Broadcasting

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3 **WHEREAS**, the public broadcasting system of the United States is an incredibly
4 valuable civic asset that provides unique local programming, productive
5 educational outreach, and essential opportunities for Americans to exchange ideas
6 and viewpoints on a noncommercial medium; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, the original vision of our public broadcast system was one of vigorous
9 independent local stations, responsive to the needs of the local communities and
10 collectively strong enough to meet the needs of a national audience; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, the American public broadcasting system was conceived to serve all
13 sectors of American society with news and cultural programming, especially those
14 communities underserved by the commercial media; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, our public broadcasters at their best bring to the public consciousness
17 vital debates and issues left out of mainstream commercial media coverage, and the
18 issues of marginalized communities in particular; and
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20 **WHEREAS**, in the yearly Congressional appropriations process, the funding for our
21 nation's public broadcasting system faces serious threat; and
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23 **WHEREAS**, removal of funding from the Congressional appropriations process will
24 shift the burden of these costs onto local stations and their ability to fund local
25 programming and educational outreach will be drastically reduced; and
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27 **WHEREAS**, failure to fully fund the costs of digital transition may require some
28 local stations, especially those in rural areas, to cease operations; and
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30 **WHEREAS**, political appointees at the Corporation for Public Broadcasting are
31 seeking to manipulate the content provided by public broadcasters, against the
32 CPB's stated mission to shield public broadcasting from political machinations;
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34 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that [we] support the following measures:
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36 1. We ask Congress to provide adequate funding for our public broadcasting system,
37 thus sustaining quality educational and local programming and affirming the great
38 value that this system provides for communities throughout America; and
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40 2. We urge that steps be taken to take politics out of public broadcasting by
41 increasing transparency of the operations of the Corporation for Public
42 Broadcasting.
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