

RESOLUTION NO. 2287

EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

A 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, East Norriton Township strongly supports existing legal protections that ensure that there are no barriers to cable competition, and;

WHEREAS, East Norriton 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 East Norriton Township urges the Pennsylvania Legislature and the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation, 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 East Norriton Township's State Legislative and Congressional delegations.

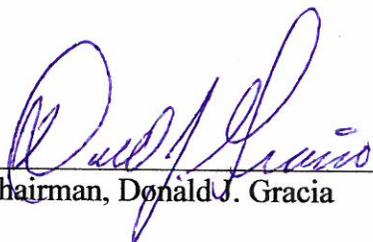
ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township on the

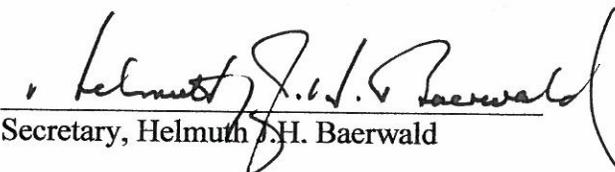
28th day of March, 2006.



ATTEST:

EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP
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