



Resolution

“Must-Carry” Status For Low-Power Class A Television Stations

- WHEREAS** The Congress of the United States in concert with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) recently created a new category of TV stations entitled “Class A,” and
- WHEREAS** These Class A licenses are only available to Low-Power (LPTV) broadcasters who produce a significant amount of local programming for their underserved audiences, and
- WHEREAS** LPTV stations often function as a community’s only local TV outlet for specialized Christian and family-oriented programming for the unserved and underserved audiences, and
- WHEREAS** More than 80% of all households in the United States receive their television programming through cable or other multi-video broadcast services (MVBS) and all full power, full service TV stations have and enjoy must-carry rights on these MVBS systems, and
- WHEREAS** Some Class A broadcasters are paying hundreds of thousands of dollars per year for cable access because they do not have must-carry rights, creating huge financial strain and burden on their broadcast service, and
- WHEREAS** The Cable Act of 1992 was written more than seven (7) years before the enactment of the Community Broadcasters Protection Act of 1999, which authorized the establishment of the new, permanent “Class A” service. Therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** That the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB), at its 58th Annual Convention in Dallas, Texas, urges the Congress and the President of the United states to reform the 1992 Cable Act to provide Class A television broadcasters with the same “must-carry” opportunities available to other full-service TV stations in order to foster the financial viability of these valuable local TV stations, and ensure that their underserved audiences will have full access to the local programs, Christian programs, and other family-based programming provided by these Class A television stations.



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NRB Music Licensing Resolution

- WHEREAS** the NRB Music Licensing Committee has for many years worked diligently to secure fair music licenses for Christian broadcasters;
- WHEREAS** the NRBMLC, after years of costly judicial and legislative effort has secured a fair and equitable music license with ASCAP, BMI and SESAC...NRB expresses deep appreciation to all who worked on this project.
- WHEREAS** now, a new challenge has arisen...the need for fair music licenses for Christian ministries and radio stations streaming on the Internet;
- WHEREAS** demands for unreasonable fees have been made.
- WHEREAS** the NRBMLC is now actively working to secure fair licenses...in what could be a long and difficult process.
- WHEREAS** streaming on the Internet is very important to carrying out the Great Commission for ministries and Christian radio stations.
- RESOLVED** Therefore, be it resolved that the National Religious Broadcasters goes on record as wholeheartedly supporting the NRBMLC in its efforts to secure fair and equitable music licenses for streaming on the Internet.



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Affirming FCC Chairman Michael Powell

RESOLVED

Be it resolved that the National Religious Broadcasters gathered at their fifty-eighth annual convention on February tenth, two thousand and one in Dallas, Texas acknowledge with appreciation the past services of Michael Powell as an FCC Commissioner...and further that we congratulate him on his new appointment as Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, and pray God's blessing on his work.

Approved by the Board of Directors February 11, 2001