Resolution
Urging States to Preserve and
Not Threaten “Must-Carry”
Rights of Local TV Stations

WHEREAS Some states have considered, or passed, so-called *a la carte* requirements for local cable operators and programmers;

WHEREAS Such *a la carte* laws could possibly threaten the rights of local television stations to have their content carried by the local cable operators or programmers under the “must-carry” provisions of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 (“Act”);

WHEREAS At least one federal court is currently determining the legality of such a state law;

WHEREAS NRB’s membership has included local Christian television stations that depend on “must-carry” provisions of the Act so that their Christian programming is carried by the local cable companies;

NOW THEREFORE NRB urges states that are considering *a la carte* cable television laws or regulations to preserve the “must-carry” status of local television stations, including Christian stations, so that local programming will not be compromised.

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