

RESOLUTION 1-4-9, 1990

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of ST. John, Indiana, has a franchise agreement with US Cable of Northern Indiana to provide cable television service to its residents, and

WHEREAS, the Copyright Tribunal through its rules and regulations deem the Indiana operation of US Cable of Northern Indiana as a single system with its Illinois operation and, thereby, causes a prohibitive increase to the copyright liability of US Cable of Northern Indiana for importing Indiana channels for its Indiana customers, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communication Commission has finalized new broadcasting rules called syndicated exclusivity (SYNDEX) and Non-Duplication Rules that will effect cable-delivered television programs, and

WHEREAS, the SYNDEX, Non-Duplication and Copyright Rules effect to the residents of this community will eliminate Indiana network-affiliated stations and their Indiana-based programs because of their conflict with Chicago, Illinois network-affiliated stations, and

WHEREAS, Indiana network-affiliated stations are the primary source for this community to receive Indiana-based programming including news from the State Legislature that has critical value to the residents of this Community, and

WHEREAS, the combination of the SYNDEX, Non-Duplication Rules, and the Copyright Tribunal rules and regulations have the impact of forcing Indiana residents to becoming defacto citizens of Illinois,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Town Council of the Town of ST. John as follows:

1. That the Congress of the United States should enact the necessary legislation to require the Federal Communication Commission and the Copyright Tribunal to exempt the Indiana operation of US Cable of Northern Indiana from the blackout effect of SYNDEX rules and the network non-duplication rules, and

2. That the copyright liability created by the artificial rule that makes the Indiana and Illinois operation of US Cable of Northern Indiana a single system be changed to reflect the reality of the situation, enabling Indiana residents to receive Indiana Channels.

PASSED by the Town Council of the Town of ST. John, Indiana, on the 9 day of APRIL, 1990, by a Unanimous vote of 3 members present and voting.

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