

Resolution No. 2006-3

**Indian Lake Borough
Somerset County, PA
Resolution Opposing Statewide and
Federal Cable Franchising Legislation**

WHEREAS, The Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Act") provides an important role for municipal governments in the process of developing the terms under which cable television service may be provided to its residents, and

WHEREAS, under federal law, cable franchise agreements are non-exclusive meaning more than one cable provider may serve a municipality at the same time, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Indian Lake strongly supports existing legal protections that ensure there are no barriers to cable competition, and

WHEREAS, The Borough of Indian Lake particularly supports maintaining the current cable franchising process that requires cable providers to receive a cable franchise in order to serve their respective residents using the municipality's public rights-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 local cable-related needs and interests are addressed and met, and

WHEREAS, the elimination of the local cable franchising process would disable the municipality's ability to ensure competition is offered on equal terms, 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 The Borough of Indian Lake 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 members of the State Legislative and Congressional delegations.

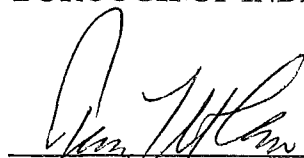
RESOLVED AND ENACTED the 10th day of May, 2006.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF INDIAN LAKE



Theresa L. Weyant, Borough Secretary



Terry L. St. Clair, Council President