

Resolution #\_\_-2018. Resolution Urging that Charter Communications Maintain WSKG Public TV Service in Tompkins County.

**Whereas**, we have been notified by Charter Communications (parent company of Spectrum Communications) that on or after March 15, 2017, WSKG Public TV service in Tompkins and Cortland Counties will be dropped from their offerings; and

**Whereas**, WSKG is one of only two PBS TV stations in our area, providing informative news and local programming not influenced by corporate sponsors; and

**Whereas**, WSKG Public Broadcasting covers 21 counties across New York State supported by 10,000 contributors, with about 1/4 (2,500) of those residing in Tompkins and Cortland Counties, showing that WSKG Public Radio and TV is strongly supported in our region; and

**Whereas**, the decision to drop WSKG TV from our region was justified as a business decision, but unlike for-profit stations, PBS stations are offered free-of-charge to carriers; and

**Whereas**, dropping WSKG TV from Tompkins and Cortland Counties would undermine the financial security of WSKG and remove WSKG TV programming from a region where it is strongly valued by the public; therefore be it

**Resolved**, the Caroline Town Board urges Charter Communications to maintain WSKG Public Television service in our region; and further be it

**Resolved**, that any future consideration of changes to carrying PBS stations by Charter Communications be informed by public input that is well advertised; and further be it

**Resolved**, that this resolution be sent to Mr. Chris Mueller, Director, Governmental Affairs, Charter Communications, 100 Town Center Drive, Rochester, NY 14623 (chris.mueller@charter.com).

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstentions: