



Resolution

CHRISTIAN RADIO NEEDS TO BE ON SMART PHONES

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- WHEREAS** More than 241 million Americans rely on free, local radio to provide entertainment, inspiration and local community news and information; and
- WHEREAS** Free, local radio has been the backbone of the public warning system since the 1950's in America, providing emergency alerts, live coverage during emergencies and information on storm paths and evacuation routes; and
- WHEREAS** Nearly all Americans own a mobile phone and consider it part of their daily lives; and
- WHEREAS** Mobile networks that depend on the cellular or broadband infrastructure can become overwhelmed in times of crisis due to network congestion, but a mobile phone equipped with a radio receiver could avoid this problem, continuing to deliver instantaneous emergency alerts while other networks become disabled, thus saving lives in times of crisis;
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** That the National Religious Broadcasters calls on wireless carriers to expand the availability of broadcast radio service in mobile phones; and be it further resolved that the National Religious Broadcasters calls on Congress and the Administration to encourage marketplace cooperation on this issue to ensure the public safety.