

RESOLUTION ON REAUTHORIZATION OF
THE LIBRARY SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION ACT

- WHEREAS, The Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) benefits, directly or indirectly, more than 15,000 public libraries in the United States through improved, expanded, and new programs and services, and the construction, remodeling, and renovation of public library buildings; and
- WHEREAS, Schools, colleges and universities, and other institutions and organizations are also recipients through cooperative library networking services and shared resources with public libraries; and
- WHEREAS, LSCA-stimulated cooperative services are reaching out to the unserved and underserved, minorities and ethnics, aliterates and illiterates, the physically handicapped, the institutionalized, the disadvantaged, the elderly, those needing materials in various languages, and Native Americans; and
- WHEREAS, Prompt reauthorization is required in the first session of the 101st Congress before the LSCA expiration date of September 30, 1989; and
- WHEREAS, A second White House Conference on Library and Information Services has been authorized for convening by September 30, 1991, providing a natural focus for long-term, nationwide review of federal library legislation; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Library Services and Construction Act be reauthorized as currently focused, with such improvements or technical amendments as are needed to meet urgent needs or improve the efficient working of the Act; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That any extensive changes in the focus of the Library Services and Construction Act be predicated on library community consensus of user need and consensus recommendations of the second White House Conference on Library and Information Services; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That the American Library Association pledge its support and assistance to the appropriate congressional committees in achieving a timely and effective reauthorization of the Library Services and Construction Act.

Adopted by the Council of the
American Library Association
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