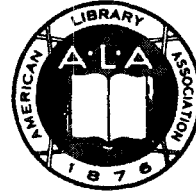


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**RESOLUTION ON A NATIONAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION NETWORK**

**WHEREAS,** The American Library Association endorsed the concept of a National Research and Education Network in a Resolution passed by its Council (1989-90 CD #54) on January 10, 1990; and

**WHEREAS,** Legislation to authorize the development of a National Research and Education Network has not yet been enacted; and

**WHEREAS,** High-capacity electronic communications is increasingly vital to research, innovation, education, and information literacy; and

**WHEREAS,** Development of a National Research and Education Network is a significant infrastructure investment requiring a partnership of federal, state, local, institutional, and private-sector efforts; and

**WHEREAS,** Libraries linked to the National Research and Education Network would spread its benefit more broadly, enhance the resources to be made available over it, and increase access to those resources; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the American Library Association reaffirm its support of a National Research and Education Network, and recommend incorporation of the following elements in NREN legislation:

- Recognition of education in its broadest sense as a reason for development of the NREN;
- Eligibility of all types of libraries to link to the NREN as resource providers and as access points for users;
- A voice for involved constituencies, including libraries, in development of network policy and technical standards;
- High-capacity network connections with all 50 states and territories;
- Federal matching and other forms of assistance (including through other federal programs) to state and local education and library agencies, institutions, and organizations.

Adopted by the Council of the  
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