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**RESOLUTION TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE LIBRARY SERVICE AND  
TECHNOLOGY ACT (LSTA)**

Whereas, The Library Service and Technology Act (LSTA) is a federal program administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to support all types of libraries; and

Whereas, Congress reauthorized LSTA in December 2010 at the funding level of \$232 million; and

Whereas, Libraries play a critical role in American society by providing lifelong learning, economic development and the information necessary for democratic governance; and

Whereas, Provides incentive for all types of libraries so they can work efficiently and effectively together to foster cooperation and ensure equal and equitable access to the unique resources of libraries nationwide for all people across the country; and

Whereas, According to an IMLS study in 2009, 30 million people used library computers and internet access for employment or career purposes; and

Whereas, LSTA funds stimulate library innovation and provide 21st century skills; and

Whereas, LSTA funds allow libraries to provide programs that foster literacy, including digital literacy; and


Whereas, LSTA funds support library programs for school, work, and life; and

Whereas, LSTA funds support the development and preservation of collections in libraries for the purpose of cultivating an educated and informed citizenry; and

Whereas, Libraries face increasing difficulties in providing these services because of budget cuts at local and state government levels exacerbated by the \$24.5 million (11.4%) cut to LSTA in FY 2011; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, The American Library Association urges the United States Congress and the President to fund the Library Service and Technology Act (LSTA) at \$232 million for FY 2012 as authorized in December 2010.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith Michael Fiels', written in a cursive style.

Keith Michael Fiels

ALA Executive Director and Secretary of the ALA Council

Tuesday, June 28, 2011

In New Orleans, Louisiana