

RESOLUTION ON PROPOSED JOINT LC AND GPO DIGITAL PILOT PROJECT

- WHEREAS,** The Government Printing Office's (GPO) *Strategic Vision for the 21st Century* proposed reinventing its capabilities through development of digital content; and
- WHEREAS,** GPO is seeking an efficient and effective approach to digitize historic public domain Federal publications, estimated to be 2.2 million documents or 132 million pages; and
- WHEREAS,** In a December 2009 meeting, the American Library Association, American Association of Law Libraries, Association of Research Libraries, Special Libraries Association, and the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies recommended a pilot project involving the Law Library of Congress and GPO to analyze core legislative, legal and regulatory documents for digitization such as the 1951-2002 *Statutes at Large* and the *Congressional Record*; and
- WHEREAS,** A Memorandum of Understanding to implement this pilot project has been agreed to by the Library of Congress (LC) and GPO and is awaiting the Joint Committee on Printing's (JCP) approval; and
- WHEREAS,** This pilot project fulfills JCP's goal of cooperative actions on digitization between GPO and LC; and
- WHEREAS,** This pilot project addresses digitization-related content life cycle and processing issues such as digitization specifications, metadata "best practices," preservation guidelines, redaction of personally identifiable information, authentication practice, and allows for baseline cost estimates; and
- WHEREAS,** Appropriated funds and staff for the pilot project are in place; and
- WHEREAS,** GPO demonstrated its capacity to process digitized content provided by the LC at the April 2010 Federal Depository Library Council meeting in Buffalo, NY; and
- WHEREAS,** GPO is committed to permanent public access; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the American Library Association:
1. Urges Joint Committee on Printing to approve the Memorandum of Understanding so that Government Printing Office can process the *Statutes at Large* and *Congressional Record* content digitized by the Library of Congress; and
 2. Urges Joint Committee on Printing to support Government Printing Office making this new digitized content available for permanent public access via GPO's Federal Digital System (FDsys).

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith Michael Fiels'.

Keith Michael Fiels
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Secretary to the ALA Council