

RESOLUTION ON GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE FY2010 APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, No-fee public access to government information is the foundation of an informed citizenry; and

WHEREAS, The Government Printing Office (GPO) supports this foundation by providing no-fee access to government information in a variety of formats; and

WHEREAS, No-fee access to government information includes digital information resources and tangible depository collections in libraries participating in the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP); and

WHEREAS, The GPO's appropriations for Congressional Printing and Binding supports the publishing of Congressional publications such as *Congressional Record* and *United States Code*; and

WHEREAS, The GPO's appropriations for Salaries and Expenses provides continuing funding for projects such as data storage, migration of legacy applications, and survey and data analysis; and

WHEREAS, The GPO's Salaries and Expenses appropriations also include funding for staffing to perform acquisitions, classification, cataloging and indexing that provides no-fee access to information in multiple formats; and

WHEREAS, The GPO's Revolving Fund supports appropriations for information technology infrastructure and systems development including the completion of GPO's Federal Digital System (FDsys) development and initiatives for environmental stewardship of its facilities and operations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association (ALA):

1. Urges Congress to reaffirm GPO's mission in providing no-fee public access to government information by fully funding the United States Government Printing Office appropriations at the level requested by the United States Public Printer for FY2010.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Wednesday, July 15, 2009
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith Michael Fiels', with a stylized, cursive script.

Keith Michael Fiels
ALA Executive Director and ALA Council Secretary