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## RESOLUTION ON GPO APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 1997

- WHEREAS,** The Congressional Federal Depository Library Program administered by the Government Printing Office (GPO) is the primary provider of no-fee public access to government information, reaching the entire nation through a system of 1400 depository libraries; and
- WHEREAS,** The Government Printing Office recently released *The Electronic Federal Depository Library Program: Transition Plan, FY 1996-FY 1998*, based on Congressional direction, which proposed that nearly all Federal government information disseminated through the Federal Depository Library Program be in electronic format; and
- WHEREAS,** GPO estimates that this transition will require the Superintendent of Documents Salaries and Expenses appropriation to remain at approximately the FY 1996 level; and
- WHEREAS,** Without appropriating the FY 1997 requested level of funding, essential operating services cannot be maintained; the public will not be served; and components of the proposed Transition Plan, if accepted, will not be implemented; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the American Library Association urge Congress to fully fund the GPO Superintendent of Documents appropriation request for FY 1997.

Adopted by the Council of the  
American Library Association  
San Antonio, Texas  
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(Council Document 20.3)