WHEREAS, the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) established in 1970 as a permanent, independent agency, fills a unique role in providing national leadership for the delivery of library and information services to the citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is a cost-effective agency that is making significant contributions in determining the information needs of Americans, including senior citizens, the unserved, the rural remote, and the socially and economically disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recommends information policies to the U.S. President and the Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Commission works actively with State and local governments, and the private sector to improve library and information services to this nation; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Management and Budget has recommended zero funding for the Commission for Fiscal Year 1983 (which would mean the end of the Commission); now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the ALA Council, on behalf of its 35,000 members serving the millions of library users in this nation, strongly urge President Reagan, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the U.S. Senate to revise immediately the proposed FY 1983 budget to include $750,000 (seven hundred-fifty thousand dollars), the sum determined necessary by the Commission for its programs and activities.

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