

RESOLUTION ON RELEASE OF LSCA FUNDS

- WHEREAS, state allotments under the Library Services and Construction Act, which is not advance funded, are usually released in a lump sum early in the fiscal year; and
- WHEREAS, Congress has provided funding for LSCA through a continuing resolution for half the 1982 fiscal year at rates of \$60,000,000 for LSCA I and \$11,520,000 for LSCA III; and
- WHEREAS, the Department of Education, at the direction of the Office of Management and Budget, has released only 51 percent of the Administration's September budget request levels of \$41,250,000 for LSCA I and \$10,560,000 for LSCA III; and
- WHEREAS, the LSCA statute (PL 84-597 as amended) specifies that "any sums appropriated...shall...be available for obligation and expenditure for the period of time specified in the Act making such appropriation..."; and
- WHEREAS, such withholding or impoundment of funds thwarts Congressional intent, disrupts the planning, budgeting and staffing of state and local library services, and adversely affects the quality of library service available to all Americans; now, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the American Library Association strongly urge the release of all funds Congress approves through continuing resolutions or appropriations measures for the Library Services and Construction Act; further, if action to release LSCA funds has not been taken by March 15, 1982, the American Library Association recommend that the state library agencies take appropriate legal action to assure that Congressional intent is implemented.

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