RESOLUTION ON ENDORSEMENT OF “BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR MANAGING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY IN THE DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT”

WHEREAS, The American Library Association is committed to domestic and international intellectual property policy that reflects and fosters a balance between the economic interests of intellectual property proprietors and the larger public interest in access to information; and

WHEREAS, In pursuit of such balance, the American Library Association and its members remain dedicated to collaborating with other members of the educational, scholarly, research, scientific and other communities; and

WHEREAS, The National Humanities Alliance, in concert with 14 other national organizations representing such communities, has jointly authored a document known as “Basic Principles for Managing Intellectual Property in the Digital Environment” (hereafter, the “Basic IP Principles”) based upon earlier work by the University of California; and

WHEREAS, The “Basic IP Principles” comport with and well reflect the American Library Association’s own principles and objectives with respect to intellectual property policy and related practice; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association endorses, and hereby requests that its name be associated with the “Basic IP Principles”; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association actively disseminate, and encourage others to broadly distribute, the “Basic IP Principles” to libraries and librarians in the United States and abroad; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the “Basic IP Principles” be forwarded to or otherwise presented at appropriate opportunities to domestic and international intellectual property policy makers and authorities; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association commends the National Humanities Alliance, the University of California and the other organizations for their valuable work in pursuit of a balanced global intellectual property legal regime.

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