

RESOLUTION ON AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

WHEREAS, the American Library Association has consistently supported the establishment of a separate Department of Education with a concomitant elevation of the status and level of support of library and related programs, and

WHEREAS, the recently-established Department of Education will be in operation no later than May 29, 1980;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Library Association reaffirms its January 1979 resolution of support for the Department of Education, and further supports the resolution adopted November 19, 1979 by the White House Conference on Library and Information Services\* which recommends an Office of Library and Information Services directed by an Assistant Secretary of Education, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the American Library Association make every effort to secure the establishment of such an Office to include all functions currently encompassed in the Office of Libraries and Learning Resources and such other functions as may be appropriate.

Adopted by the Council of the  
American Library Association  
January 24, 1980

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\* Resolution adopted by the White House Conference on Library and Information Services  
November 19, 1979

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WHEREAS, libraries are a vital element in the process of lifelong learning and education, and

WHEREAS, a national focus and a national priority for libraries as centers for information, education and lifelong learning are needed to provide national coordination for all types of libraries, and

WHEREAS, the new Department of Education has not provided for or recognized the need for a separate and distinct administrative office within this department.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that an Office of Library and Information Services be established within the Department of Education directed by an Assistant Secretary of Education, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Secretary shall administer all grants and programs currently administered by the Office of Libraries and Learning Resources and shall establish communications with all Federal programs related to library and information services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a representative from the White House Conference on Library and Information Services testify on this resolution before the Congressional hearing on Monday, November 19, 1979.