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RESOLUTION CONCERNING A NORTH CAROLINA STATE DOCUMENTS SYSTEM

- WHEREAS, an informed citizenry is the basis of a democratic government; and
- WHEREAS, the State and Local Documents Task Force of the Government Documents Roundtable of the American Library Association and the Association of State Library Agencies have approved suggested minimum standards for state servicing of state documents; and
- WHEREAS, all citizens of North Carolina should have access to information published or funded by their state government; and
- WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Library, the only depository for state publications, receives copies of less than 30% of North Carolina State Publications; and
- WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina does not have a state depository law for distribution of state publications to a network of libraries, and is one of the few states in the nation without such a law; and
- WHEREAS, The State Documents Depository Committee of the Documents Section of the North Carolina Library Association has been authorized to prepare a draft bill to establish a depository and distribution system in North Carolina; and
- WHEREAS, The North Carolina State Legislature meeting in Spring 1987 will consider the draft bill in committee hearings; and
- WHEREAS, there is urgent need for action to correct the inaccessibility to state publications in North Carolina;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Library Association commend the State of North Carolina for its forward looking study of means of providing citizen access to its state publications; and be it further

RESOLVED that the American Library Association urge passage of the North Carolina legislation to establish a state depository system for state publications through a network of libraries;

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NATURE OF CONTENT:

NON-Policy

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ALA Council Precedent: 1981-82 ALA Council Document 33

"Commending State of Maryland on Proposed State Documents Legislation"
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