



**RESOLUTION COMMENDING CONGRESS FOR PROTECTING AND PROMOTING  
PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION**

**WHEREAS,** Libraries have historically played a critical role in providing access to information; and

**WHEREAS,** Libraries and librarians must actively prepare the general public for the information society in the 21st century; and

**WHEREAS,** Libraries must continue to champion intellectual freedom and the dissemination of knowledge in the information age; and

**WHEREAS,** Many Members of Congress are strong advocates of the importance and centrality of libraries in the information age; and

**WHEREAS,** Congress has played a major role in protecting and promoting the public's unimpeded access to government information, regardless of format; and

**WHEREAS,** Congress recently enacted legislation to ensure public access to electronic government information; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the American Library Association commend Congress for its leadership for this contribution to an informed citizenry; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the American Library Association urge Congress to continue to support, fund and oversee public access to government information in all formats as the nation moves into the 21st century.

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