RESOLUTION ON PUBLIC LAW 103-40 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE ELECTRONIC INFORMATION ACCESS ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 1993

WHEREAS, The “Government Printing Office Electronic Information Access Enhancement Act of 1993” was passed by the Congress and signed by President Clinton on June 8, 1993; and

WHEREAS, Vice President Gore introduced an earlier version known as the “Gateway to Government Act”; and

WHEREAS, Senator Wendell H. Ford, Chairman, and Senator Ted Stevens, Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, and Representatives Charlie Rose, Chairman, and William Thomas, Ranking Member of the Committee on House Administration, spent several years gathering support for the Act; and

WHEREAS, Senators Larry Pressler, Paul Simon, Nancy Kassebaum, and Paul Sarbanes; Representatives Samuel Gejdenson, Newt Gingrich, Gerald Kleczka, Pat Roberts, and many other Members of Congress, including our own Librarian in Congress, Representative Major Owens, worked for the Act; and

WHEREAS, Other Members of Congress worked diligently on earlier versions of the Act during previous sessions of Congress; and

WHEREAS, Enactment of this Act is a splendid first step in establishing a framework that will guarantee the public equitable, free, and easy access to government information in electronic format; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association thank President Clinton, Vice President Gore and all Members of Congress who supported the Act as well as earlier versions, and urge them to now seek sufficient funding to implement the Act.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
New Orleans, Louisiana
June 30, 1993
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