



RESOLUTION ON THE REVISION OF OMB CIRCULAR A-130

- WHEREAS,** Ready, equal, and equitable access to unclassified government information, regardless of format, is a primary tenet of a free society; and
- WHEREAS,** For over a century, the Federal Depository Library Program has been the key channel for providing public access to government information; and
- WHEREAS,** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on June 25, 1993, issued a revised OMB Circular A-130, "Management of Federal Information Resources," incorporating new policies for managing government information that encourage agencies to use electronic technologies to improve public access; and
- WHEREAS,** OMB has changed its restrictive interpretation of the definition of "government publication" to which ALA had objected in OMB's April 1992 draft of Circular A-130; and
- WHEREAS,** OMB has instructed agencies to establish procedures to ensure compliance with the law which requires that government publications be made available to depository libraries and to provide electronic information dissemination products to the Government Printing Office for distribution to depository libraries; and
- WHEREAS,** OMB has recognized that, "Depository libraries are major partners with the Federal Government in the dissemination of information"; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the American Library Association commend the President of the United States and the Office of Management and Budget for taking a major step to improve the federal government's policies and capabilities for making government information, regardless of format, available to the American public in an equitable and timely manner; and, be it further
- RESOLVED,** That copies of this resolution be transmitted to President William Clinton, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Administrator of the OMB Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, appropriate congressional committees, and the Government Printing Office.

Adopted by the Council of the
American Library Association
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