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RESOLUTION ON THE REAFFIRMATION OF ACCESS FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

Adopted by the ALA Council

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- WHEREAS, The Library Bill of Rights "affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas" and that "materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval"; and
- WHEREAS, Library materials and information representing all points of view should be included in library collections and provided in varying formats to serve all people, including those with physical handicaps which prevent them from reading printed materials; and
- WHEREAS, These intellectual freedom principles apply to all libraries of all types in this country that serve the public;; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED That the American Library Association reaffirm the principles of intellectual freedom as basic guiding policies for all libraries, including the Library of Congress, which through its National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, makes a significant contribution to free access through the provision of library materials for use by physically handicapped people and That the Library of Congress continue to provide just and equal service to all; AND BE IT FURTHER
- RESOLVED That the American Library Association express its concern in this matter to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, and to the Joint Committee on the Library.

TRANSMITTED BY

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