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FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY ACCESS CABLE PROGRAMMING

WHEREAS, It has been demonstrated that the allocation of community access channels without stable sources of funding and technical assistance is less than adequate; and,

WHEREAS, "Open Channel", an organization with wide experience in community access cablecasting, and "Publicable", a national public interest consortium of which the American Library Association is a member, have recognized the above deficiency in the current regulatory situation and are seeking remedial action before the Federal Communications Commission; and

WHEREAS, Libraries should work cooperatively with all other groups in promoting the widest possible access to communications and information; and

WHEREAS, Libraries have a vital stake in the future of community access cablecasting;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That the American Library Association endorse the following principles articulated by Open Channel and Publicable:

- that a portion of cable revenues be designated to provide financial and technical assistance for community access programming;
- that this support be sufficient to promote genuine access;
- that this assistance increase as the cable operator's revenues increase, and
- that the specific structures, funding formulas, and monitoring arrangements be left to the local community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to the Federal Communications Commission.

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RESOLUTION ON LITERACY AND THE NATION'S LIBRARIES

WHEREAS, there has been an accepted tradition of the library as an educational unit of the American culture, for instance, serving in the 19th Century through mechanics institutes and their like to inform and educate an imigrant populace, and

WHEREAS, the librarian has historically been a guide and consultant in individualized education through reading, and

WHEREAS, the federal government has recently recognized an appalling lack of literacy in the nation and seeks to mitigate this problem through legislation which specifies libraries as viable educational alternatives in its strategy, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the American Library Association gives its support to the achievement of national literacy by a variety of educational activities utilizing the historical and cultural expertise of libraries and librarians.