

Resolution on the Glenerin Declaration

- WHEREAS, It is American Library Association international relations policy to foster better international understanding and cooperation among library and information science communities; and
- WHEREAS, ALA recognizes that information serves as a societal good and an economic resource; and
- WHEREAS, ALA's federal legislative policy declares that a democratic society depends on the Federal government ensuring the right of access for all its citizens to a comprehensive range of knowledge and a diversity of communications media; and
- WHEREAS, ALA's federal legislative policy further states that in an age of international communication and interchange of resources, the Federal government is pivotal in the development of libraries as institutions that transcend national boundaries; and
- WHEREAS, ALA notes with pleasure the extraordinary accomplishment of information specialists convened by the United States National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, the British Library, and the Institute for Research on Public Policy of Canada in the development of the Glenerin Declaration Toward a Coordinated Policy Agenda in Response to the Changing Role of Information in the Economy; and
- WHEREAS, Although ALA is concerned that in the Preamble to the Declaration the phrase "appropriate economic incentives" not be interpreted to encourage the privatization of government information; and
- WHEREAS, Although in Recommendation 8, ALA believes that an "adequate" rather than a "minimum" level of information must be available to and accessible by all citizens regardless of means; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the American Library Association commend the U. S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for its leadership in the development of a tri-national statement on information policy; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That the American Library Association endorse the Glenerin Declaration Toward a Coordinated Policy Agenda in Response to the Changing Role of Information in the Economy developed through the leadership of the U. S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, the British Library, and the Institute for Research on Public Policy of Canada.

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