

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD

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WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the United Nations adopted Resolution A/RES/31/169 proclaiming 1979 to be the International Year of the Child, and

WHEREAS, The American Library Association is pleased that this resolution invites nongovernmental organizations and the public to participate actively in the International Year of the Child, and

WHEREAS, The American Library Association recognizes the fundamental importance of programs benefiting children not only because they promote well-being among children but also because they are part of broad efforts to accelerate economic and social progress, and

WHEREAS, Members of the Association are deeply concerned that, in spite of all efforts, far too many children are without access to libraries and the services they offer, and, convinced that children must be more widely represented as subjects in the scholarly, reference and research collections that are used by adults who generate and effect economic and social policies,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Library Association hereby recognizes 1979 as the International Year of the Child, and, calls upon each of its divisions, chapters, round tables and committees to examine the position of the child within their respective spheres of library policies and activities, and requests said divisions, chapters, round tables, and committees to initiate and carry out, during the International Year of the Child, at least one child-related program, such as each deems appropriate and feasible, and urges each individual member of the Association to support these programs and to become better-informed about the needs and rights of children, and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the American Library Association pledges to cooperate, insofar as it is able, with other nongovernmental organizations carrying out programs for the International Year of the Child, so that such programs can be mutually supportive and not competitive.

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