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WHEREAS The New York Public Library's research facility is one of the foremost in the United States, and

WHEREAS its standards and calibre of service, its resources as a repository for scholarly research, its image as one of the pre-eminent cultural institutions not only of the City of New York but also of the nation and the world are threatened, and

WHEREAS the stability of this great resource is being seriously jeopardized by the drastic diminution of funds from the public and private sectors, and

WHEREAS the reduction of services or the entire loss of this great national resource would result in both a real and psychological tragedy to the library world and users of libraries everywhere, and

WHEREAS the American Library Association recognizes the New York Public Library as a national educational and cultural resource and is dedicated to seeking acceptance of this status among appropriate national agencies,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the ALA Legislation Committee cooperate with the New York Public Library and The New York Library Association in designing a program resulting in federal legislation to assure the permanence of this great institution.

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SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO URBAN LIBRARIES

WHEREAS, large urban public libraries have special problems and needs, and

WHEREAS, many of them today are in serious financial distress, and

WHEREAS, balanced intergovernmental funding at local, state, and federal levels is essential in order to achieve the content and quality of public library services for the citizens of the United States;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the American Library Association urges the Congress of the United States to amend the Library Services and Construction Act to provide a new title authorizing grants to the states for providing financial assistance to large urban public libraries in cities over 100,000 population.