

RESOLUTION ON FEDERAL LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS
AS GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

- WHEREAS, Federal libraries and information centers provide vital mission support to key agency officials, policy makers, and program staff and contribute to the productivity of the Nation as a whole; and
- WHEREAS, The American Library Association since 1984 has repeatedly opposed the view that Federal libraries are commercial activities; and
- WHEREAS, The American Library Association has opposed the continuing attempts to contract out Federal libraries; and
- WHEREAS, The Congress, in Section 107 of Public Law 100-519, has designated the National Institute of Standards and Technology Research Information Center a governmental activity; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the American Library Association commend Congress as a whole and Rep. Doug Walgren, who was instrumental in the passage of this legislation, for this action; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That the American Library Association urge Congress to similarly designate Federal libraries and information centers as inherently governmental functions, not subject to contracting out; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Rep. Walgren, and the Chairs of the appropriate House and Senate Committees.

Adopted by the Council of the
American Library Association
Washington, D. C.
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