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RESOLUTION

on

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

WHEREAS Congress has passed, and the President approved, legislation to call a White House Conference on Library and Information Services, (P.L. 93-568); and

WHEREAS access to information and ideas is essential to national progress, to individual development, to the health of self-government, and the effective functioning of society; and

WHEREAS every community has a legitimate right to libraries and information resources through books, non-print media, computers, and data bases; and

WHEREAS to meet these continuing and ever more sophisticated demands for access to and the use of advanced information technology within the framework of public, school and academic libraries and library systems, cooperative planning and coordination by concerned citizens across the nation are essential; and

WHEREAS the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science is charged with developing this planning and coordination, and working with citizens' groups, government agencies, professional organizations and associations, and representatives of the educational community at all levels to implement the intent of P.L. 93-568; and

WHEREAS P.L. 93-568 authorizes but does not appropriate up to \$3.5 million to expedite this work through a White House Conference and to assist the states with their own related conferences,

BE IT RESOLVED that the American Library Association urges Congress to appropriate the authorized \$3.5 million in fiscal year 1975 to enable the states to begin planning now for their conferences in preparation for the White House Conference on Library and Information Services.

Adopted by Council
American Library Association
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