

ALA's ROLE IN THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, the White House Conference on Library and Information Services, to be held in October 1979, represents an event of unique and major significance for the future of library and information services for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the fifty-eight state, territorial and special conferences that will precede the White House Conference are of singular importance both for the identification of local and state level library and information needs and for creating a legislative climate at the state level that will be responsive to these needs; and

WHEREAS, the American Library Association was chiefly responsible for assuring the passage of legislation and the provision of funding that made the White House Conference a reality; and

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science both requires and merits the full support of ALA, its membership, and all who are dedicated to the improvement of library and information services in carrying out its statutory responsibilities of preparing for and conducting the White House Conference;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the American Library Association reaffirms the Association's commitment of support of the National Commission in its White House Conference responsibilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Council directs the Executive Board and staff to offer and provide all possible support and assistance to the Commission and its staff to assure the success of the White House Conference, recognizing that this may require diversion of staff and funds from other Association programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council authorizes the Executive Board and staff to assist and support the Commission in a national effort to identify and obtain the resources needed to support the White House Conference and related activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Council authorize the ALA White House Conference Planning Committee to initiate immediately a program to assure the involvement of ALA divisions, units and state chapters in planning state conferences and the White House Conference and to coordinate all conference programs having to do with the White House Conference.

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