RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES
Adopted by the Council
of the
American Library Association
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WHEREAS, the Report of the National Advisory Commission on Libraries is the result of comprehensive study into the current status and future needs of the Nation's libraries and of extensive citizen hearings; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission's Report, received by the President of the United States October 15, 1968, is the most far-reaching statement of library needs and goals ever enunciated by an official body of the Federal Government; and,

WHEREAS, this document presents a perceptive appraisal of the immediate and future requirements of all types of libraries to enable them to serve more effectively as vital, relevant institutions for all the people, and proposes responsible and realistic objectives to overcome current inadequacies and develop library services to their full potential; and,

WHEREAS, the National Advisory Commission on Libraries has recommended "That it be declared National Policy that the American people should be provided with library and information services adequate to their needs, and that the Federal Government, in collaboration with State and local governments and private agencies, should exercise leadership in assuring the provisions of such services"; and,

WHEREAS, the necessity for coordinated, long-range planning and evaluation to determine feasible ways of meeting the new and growing demands of library users is widely recognized;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Council of the American Library Association, do hereby endorse and support the statement of National Policy and the establishment by Congress of a permanent National Commission on Libraries and Information Science as a continuing Federal planning agency.

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