

Resolution of Commendation on the 40th Anniversary of the Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF)

- Whereas,* The Freedom to Read Foundation was established in 1969 as the First Amendment legal defense arm of the American Library Association; and
- Whereas,* The Freedom to Read Foundation is the only organization dedicated to protecting, promoting, and defending the First Amendment in libraries; and
- Whereas,* The legal and financial support of the Freedom to Read Foundation has been essential to the landmark legal decisions that established a legal foundation for principles of open access and free expression; and
- Whereas,* The Freedom to Read Foundation steadfastly supports individuals, groups, and organizations in their efforts to protect, promote, and defend First Amendment rights; and
- Whereas,* The Freedom to Read Foundation is a central partner in numerous coalitions devoted to advocacy for and defense of free expression; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved,* That the American Library Association (ALA):
1. Commends the Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) for its 40 years of defending First Amendment rights.
 2. Calls upon its members for a renewed commitment to the principles of free expression.
 3. Encourages all ALA members to join the Freedom to Read Foundation.

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