Resolution on the EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT AND CONFERENCE SITES

Whereas, the American Library Association supports equal opportunity for all persons, and committed itself to support of the Equal Rights Amendment in July, 1974 (Legislation Item # 105.3);

Whereas, the Equal Rights Amendment provides protection of equal rights for all persons regardless of sex;

Whereas, time for ratification of the Amendment is growing short;

Whereas, other influential organizations have passed resolutions involving economic sanctions against states withholding ratification;

Whereas, it is acknowledged that ALA is committed to future conference sites through 1982, which postdates the allotted time for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment;

Therefore, be it resolved, that as ALA continues to negotiate for conference sites, that the Association add its voice and effort to the passage of the Amendment by committing future conferences only to states that have ratified the Equal Rights Amendment.

Submitted by the COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN LIBRARIANSHIP