

RESOLUTION ON THE IDENTIFICATION
OF ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDERS
ON THE 1990 CENSUS

Whereas, the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Census is mandated to collect accurate, complete, detailed data on all segments of the US population; and

Whereas, the Bureau of Census has proposed a significant change on how and what detailed data on the racial origins of some Americans will be collected; and

Whereas, persons who depend on detailed census data for program and service planning as well as Asian Americans and their leaders throughout the country are gravely concerned about how distortion and dilution of data about Asian Americans will impact programs at all levels of government, for members of the Asians or Pacific Islanders communities; and

Whereas, US libraries depend on accurate, detailed, complete census data on the US population in order to develop supportive library programs for all Americans; and

Whereas, such data may no longer be collected if the proposed change is implemented; THEREFORE BE IT

Resolved, that the American Library Association state its opposition to the Bureau of Census to group all Asian and Pacific subgroups together under a single category in the 1990 US Census; AND BE IT FURTHER

Resolved, that the American Library Association urge the Bureau of Census to modify the 1990 form to list Asian subgroups separately; AND BE IT FURTHER

Resolved, that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of Commerce, the Director of the Bureau of Census, members of the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies, and the news media.

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