

**RESOLUTION ON GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE FY 2009
APPROPRIATIONS**

- WHEREAS,** Public access to government information is vital to a democratic society and the economic well-being of the Nation and the American public; and
- WHEREAS,** The Government Printing Office (GPO) Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) reaches the entire nation through its geographically dispersed system of depository libraries, and is the primary provider of no-fee public access to federal government information regardless of format; and
- WHEREAS,** The GPO's appropriations request for Salaries and Expenses includes necessary funds for the cataloging, indexing, and distribution of federal publications in print and electronic formats to depository libraries and other recipients designated by law; and
- WHEREAS,** With input from depository libraries, the GPO has identified select print publications that are critical to an informed citizenry, including the United States Code, the Budget of the United States Government, and Congressional materials; and
- WHEREAS,** The GPO's Congressional Printing and Binding request is thus crucial to the public's ability to monitor and participate in the legislative process; and
- WHEREAS,** The GPO's request for the Revolving Fund includes funding for the Federal Digital System (FDSys) and other essential information technology infrastructure projects needed to modernize the agency's systems for the 21st century, now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the American Library Association (ALA) urges Congress to reaffirm the federal government's responsibility to provide no-fee access to federal government information in formats most appropriate to the public's needs; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the ALA urges Congress to fully fund the United States Government Printing Office appropriation for FY 2009 at the level requested by the Public Printer.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Wednesday, January 16, 2008
In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



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Secretary to the ALA Council