

SMITHSONIAN CENTER FOR MATERIALS RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

WHEREAS the funds for the operation of the Smithsonian Center for Materials Research and Education (SCMRE, formerly known as the Conservation Analytical Laboratory) are not authorized in the 2002 Federal budget, thereby making the United States the only major country in the world whose cultural institutions are not served by a central research facility for the conservation of books, manuscripts, photographs, audio and visual materials, and material artifacts, and

WHEREAS SCRME has originated and conducted substantial scientific research contributing to the conservation of the nation's library collections by

Helping institutions define and implement preservation programming,

Providing extensive national and international education and outreach programs for the preservation of library collections and archives through its Research, Libraries and Archives Collections Conservation Task Forces, and

Providing training in conservation science and treatment for books, manuscripts, photographs, audio and visual materials, and material artifacts, and

WHEREAS America's libraries have therefore been a major beneficiary of SCMRE's research, education and training activities, and

WHEREAS many professional organizations that have benefited from SCRME's research, education and training services, such as the American Institute of Conservation, the Association of Regional Conservation Centers, the Society of American Archaeologists, and the American Association of Anthropologists have expressed their strong support of continued funding,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Library Association urges Congress and the Smithsonian Institution to restore funding for SCMRE in the 2002 budget and on a permanent basis thereafter.

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