

RESOLUTION ON A NATIONAL LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES ACT

WHEREAS, all types of libraries share resources for the benefit of a wide constituency; and

WHEREAS, the spread of information provides a base for increased productivity in many sectors of society; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the states and territories made clear their strong support for improved library and information services at the 1979 White House Conference on Library and Information Services; and

WHEREAS, both the National Library and Information Services Act and adequate funding of the existing federal library programs are responsive to the resolutions of the White House Conference on Library and Information Services, and the national legislative program of the American Library Association as adopted in Chicago on January 24, 1980; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Library Association reaffirms its support for the concepts of a National Library and Information Services Act, to be modeled on S. 2859 of 1980; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the American Library Association supports public hearings on such a bill and urges its members to make their views known at such hearings in order to strengthen and improve the proposed legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the American Library Association continues its strong support of adequate funding for the existing Library Services and Construction Act, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, and the Higher Education Act library programs.

Adopted by the Council of the
American Library Association
Washington, D. C., February 4, 1981