

**Resolution on The Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act (FAIR)  
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- WHEREAS, federal libraries provide critical support to the formulation and implementation of federal policies through research and information collection; and
- WHEREAS, federal librarians create, maintain, and acquire databases, information systems, and publications on behalf of the government, many containing substantial amounts of sensitive information; and
- WHEREAS, federal librarians represent the U.S. Government in numerous national and international organizations and forums; and
- WHEREAS, federal librarians play a key role in making government information available to the public through web sites, print collections, and direct public services; and
- WHEREAS, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has directed federal agencies to compete five percent of their work force positions that have been designated "not inherently governmental;" and
- WHEREAS, lack of recognition of the critical role of federal libraries and other federal information organizations has led many federal libraries to be designated as "not inherently governmental" by their agencies; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that ALA urge the Office of Management and Budget and other federal agencies to designate federal libraries and information centers as "inherently governmental" functions.

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