

Resolution in Support of 2010 Spectrum Presidential Initiative

- Whereas, A diverse nation needs diverse librarians; and
- Whereas, The demographic ballasts of our country continue to shift even as our professional moorings remain stable; and
- Whereas, Increasing diversity will capture unique talents and cultural competencies arising differing life experiences; and
- Whereas, Ours is a nation of Emerging Majorities where the national population is rapidly becoming more ethnically balanced; and
- Whereas, The Spectrum Scholarship Program has already successfully recruited educated 600 diverse scholars; and
- Whereas, Each year an average of 50 percent of the qualified applicants are turned away because of lack of available scholarships; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That the Council fully supports the 2010 Spectrum Presidential Initiative to raise \$1 million; and urges ALA units, affiliates, caucuses, and members to donate or pledge their financial contributions to the campaign at the highest amount possible.

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