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## RESOLUTION ON HR 2772 — GPO WINDO

- WHEREAS,** Access to government information is a public right and principal function and goal of federal government information policy; and
- WHEREAS,** Federal government agencies and offices are placing an increasing reliance on the dissemination of information in electronic formats; and
- WHEREAS,** The development of electronic formats has resulted in a bewildering array of information sources and formats; and
- WHEREAS,** The GPO Wide Information Network for Data Online (WINDO) Act of 1991 (HR 2772) has been introduced in Congress; and
- WHEREAS,** The GPO WINDO would establish in the Government Printing Office a single point of online public access to a wide range of federal databases containing public information stored electronically; and
- WHEREAS,** The Government Printing Office and the Depository Library Program as enacted by Congress have traditionally provided decentralized points of public access to government information for business, research, education, and the general public; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the American Library Association urge Congress to recognize that the GPO WINDO would provide a needed focus and allow broad, reasonable, online public access to government information in electronic formats through a variety of channels, including the Depository Library Program; and, be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the American Library Association urge Congress to enact the GPO Wide Information Network for Data Online (WINDO) Act of 1991 (HR 2772); and, be it further
- RESOLVED,** That this resolution be transmitted to the appropriate committees of Congress.

Adopted by the Council of the  
American Library Association  
Atlanta, Georgia  
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