

## AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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RESOLUTION TO THE FEDERAL PUBLISHERS COMMITTEE  
AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATORS

- WHEREAS, A primary tenet of a free society is complete and ready access to government information and publications which are imperative for an informed society; and
- WHEREAS, many agencies, boards, commissions, and departments within the Executive Branch of the Federal government have developed and continually improved their information and publishing programs; and
- WHEREAS, the Office of Management and Budget has recently issued its report, "Reform '88," pursuant to OMB directive 81-16, which reports terminations and consolidations of certain valuable publications; and
- WHEREAS, freedom of information for the American public is being directly and indirectly affected by fiscal pressures which cause termination of valuable publications; and
- WHEREAS, user communities have not been widely consulted before publications are eliminated or curtailed; NOW, BE IT THEREFORE
- RESOLVED, That the American Library Association urge the Federal Publishers Committee and the National Association of Government Communicators to continue to seek sufficient funds to ensure adequate public access to government information; AND BE IT FURTHER,
- RESOLVED, That the Washington Office of the American Library Association forward a copy of this resolution to the Federal Publishers Committee and the National Association of Government Communicators.



ADOPTED BY  
THE ALA COUNCIL  
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TRANSMITTED BY

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