

# ALA American Library Association

## RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE FOR FREE PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE GPO ACCESS SERVICES

**WHEREAS,** The Government Printing Office (GPO) announced free use of the GPO Access services, a key component of the Federal Depository Library Program, for direct access by the public at no charge effective December 1, 1995; and

**WHEREAS,** GPO Access provides a valuable public service to the American public by connecting libraries and the public with critical Federal government information sources in electronic format, such as the *Congressional Record*, the *Federal Register*, the *United States Code*, congressional bills, reports and documents, and many others; and

**WHEREAS,** By opening GPO Access to the public, this information is now more readily available to all citizens; now, therefore, be it.

**RESOLVED,** That the ALA commend the Congress of United States, the Public Printer of the United States, the Superintendent of Documents, and Government Printing Office staff for providing the public direct online access to GPO Access services at no charge; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That ALA urge Congress to provide continued funding necessary to support direct no-fee public access to GPO Access services.

Adopted by the Council of the  
American Library Association  
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