

RESOLUTION ON THE NATIONAL INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Whereas, although the Clinton Administration in its NII policy statement calls for universal and equitable access to information for all, primarily on the private sector and slighting America's already existing public information infrastructure -- its tens of thousands of public and school libraries, and

Whereas, libraries are an ideal and essential public access to facilities for universal and equitable access to the electronic information highway, and it is a crucial role to play in helping to

Whereas, funding for even as we are about to establish a new and costly National Information Infrastructure (NII), and

Whereas, in the present fiscal and political climate, access to the information highway will be affordable for Americans or to underfunded libraries,

Whereas, this public policy debate involves librarians, and the rights of consumers, librarians, and the rights of consumers, now therefore

Be it resolved, that the American Library Association, in its grassroot mobilization of librarians, in those concerned decision-makers to guarantee public information infrastructure -- libraries, and

Be it further resolved, that the ALA encourage its affiliate organizations and all libraries to use such occasions as National Library Week (April 17-23) to focus public attention on and National Library Week (April 17-23) to focus public attention on and

Be it further resolved, that the ALA declare 1995 to be National Information Year, and encourage its divisions and affiliates to plan planning programs and activities for the annual ALA

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Policy Implications: Policy 1.2

Fiscal Implications:

Support by Resolutions Committee Stamp

REVIEWED FOR CONFORMANCE WITH GUIDELINES by Council Resolutions Committee *OK*

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