

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,

Whereas, libraries are an ideal and essential public access to facilities and equitable access to the electronic information highway, and a crucial role

Whereas, funding for libraries is being cut by the Clinton Administration 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 only to the few Americans or to underfunded libraries,

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

Be it resolved, that the American Library Association, in its grassroots mobilization of librarians, in consultation with those concerned, urge the Clinton Administration and other 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 and National Library Week (April 17-23) to focus public attention on libraries and

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