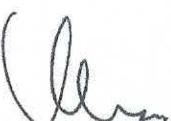


Resolution on the Darfur Genocide

- Whereas, Over the past three years between 180,000 and 400,000 civilians have been killed in the Darfur region of Sudan, 2,000,000 people have been displaced, 2,000 villages have been burned and their wells poisoned, and women and children have been raped by government-supported Janjaweed militias, and
- Whereas, This first genocide of the 21st century could be stopped if most Americans were aware and educated public in the United States and elsewhere.
- Whereas, Those dedicated library publications and websites have not sufficiently raised awareness and knowledge of this tragic event.
- Whereas, It is the mission of American libraries to contribute to the informed and educated citizenry on public issues; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved,** That the American Library Association Council urges all the relevant ALA units and the profession at large to highlight the issue of Darfur and other genocides. Genocide through collections, programs, displays, resource guides and other suitable means, early, be it further
- Resolved,** That the American Library Association calls upon publishers to actively seek and publish books that will increase the understanding of Darfur and other genocidal conflicts.

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RESOLUTION ON THE

WHEREAS in the past three years between 180,000 and 400,000 civilians have been killed in the Darfur region of Sudan, 200,000 people have been displaced, 2,000 villages have been burned and their wells poisoned, and 20,000 women have been raped by government supporters; and

WHEREAS 11 libraries in 6 states have responded to the crisis in Darfur by becoming aware and educated about the situation; and

WHEREAS the media, including libraries, publications and individuals, have done very little to inform the public of the situation; and

WHEREAS it is the mission of American libraries to collect, preserve, and educate citizens on public issues; and

be requested to

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Library Association Council urges all relevant ALA units and committees at-large to highlight and explain the Darfur crisis through exhibits, displays, resource guides, and other means.

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