A TRIBUTE RESOLUTION OF HEARTFELT APPRECIATION HONORING ALA STAFF

Whereas ALA staff responded swiftly and thoughtfully in the face of the 2020 COVID-19 global pandemic;

Whereas ALA staff created structures and processes for virtual governance meetings and hosted several training sessions for Councilors;

Whereas ALA staff facilitated the creation of a virtual event in place of the 2020 Annual Conference in Chicago with only a few months’ notice;

Whereas ALA staff worked remotely, across several geographies, to collect information to inform our advocacy work, coordinate COVID-19 Response content and tools, connect with membership and affiliates online, prepare for National Library Week 2020, National Library Legislative Week 2020 and advocate for libraries at the national level;

Whereas ALA staff coordinated and completed a headquarters move during the pandemic;

Whereas ALA staff welcomed a new Executive Director during the pandemic;

Whereas ALA staff upholds the ALA core values of access, confidentiality/privacy, democracy, diversity, education and lifelong learning, intellectual freedom, preservation, the public good, professionalism, service, social responsibility, and sustainability;

Whereas many ALA staff are personal members of ALA; and

Whereas ALA staff are asked to make personal sacrifices in the form of furloughs to support the financial sustainability of the organization, a practice which ALA should take all reasonable steps to minimize or eliminate; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. recognizes ALA staff for their contributions to the association and libraries everywhere; and

2. expresses its appreciation and gratitude to all ALA staff for their tireless work.

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