

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
ALA LEGAL ACTION AGAINST CIPA**

- Whereas,** the recently enacted Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA) mandates that libraries and schools install and use filtering software on public Internet computers as a prerequisite for receiving Federal funds, including LSTA, E-rate discounts, and ESEA Title III grants; and
- Whereas,** the Tennessee Library Association and the American Library Association uphold the First Amendment and free and open access to the information people need and want regardless of the format in which that information appears; and
- Whereas,** the Tennessee Library Association does not support mandating the use of Internet filters in libraries because there is no proven technology that both blocks illegal content and allows access to all constitutionally protected material; and
- Whereas,** the Tennessee Library Association supports the right of local libraries to adopt and implement Internet use policies, based on the needs of their communities; and
- Whereas,** the Tennessee Library Association believes that educating children and adults to use the Internet wisely provides the best protection for all; and
- Whereas,** the American Library Association has resolved to challenge CIPA in Federal courts; now, therefore be it
- Resolved,** that the Tennessee Library Association endorses and supports the American Library Association in its legal challenge to the constitutionality of CIPA; and be it further
- Resolved,** that the President of the Tennessee Library Association transmit this resolution to the President of the American Library Association, the Secretary of State of Tennessee, all Tennessee members of the Congress, and to the President of the United States.

**Adopted by the Tennessee Library Association
Board of Directors
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