

# **A Resolution Supporting ALA Legal Action Against CIPA**

**Unanimously endorsed by the  
Nevada Library Association Executive Board**

**Monday, March 26, 2001**

**WHEREAS** the recently enacted Children's 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 AND E-rate funds; and

**WHEREAS** the recently enacted Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act (NCIPA) mandates the adoption of a prescriptive Internet safety policy that undermines local control for recipients of E-rate discounts; and

**WHEREAS** no filtering software successfully differentiates constitutionally protected speech from illegal speech on the Internet; and

**WHEREAS** the federal commission appointed to study child safety on the Internet concluded filters are not effective in blocking all content that some may find objectionable, but do block much useful and constitutionally protected information; and

**WHEREAS** libraries and librarians are partners with parents and work to help their communities become information literate by teaching them to access, evaluate and use information; and

**WHEREAS** the Nevada library community strongly believes that educating children to use the Internet wisely provides children their best protection, now and in the future; and

**WHEREAS** the Nevada Library Association strongly encourages local libraries to adopt and implement Internet use policies in the same way they develop other policies, based on the needs of their communities; and

**WHEREAS** the Nevada Library Association in its Internet Filtering Statement adopted by the NLA Executive Board on January 22, 1999, does not recommend the use of Internet filters in libraries and emphatically opposes attempts by federal and state governments to set local policy; and

**WHEREAS** the American Library Association has resolved to challenge CIPA and NCIPA in federal courts;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Nevada Library Association endorses and supports this legal action by the American Library Association.