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**“Endangered Libraries List” Resolution**

WHEREAS: In the United States, funding for all types of libraries is under threat. (1)

WHEREAS: “Libraries are recognized as proactive agencies essential to the cultural, educational, and economic life of society.” (2)

WHEREAS: Public awareness of the role of libraries is a Priority Goal of ALA. (3)

WHEREAS: The magnitude of the threat to libraries is difficult to discern unless information is centralized and easily accessible.

WHEREAS: It has been shown that measurement and tracking are essential components in creating awareness of an issue, rallying support, evaluating progress, and prompting action.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the American Library Association establish and maintain an “Endangered Libraries List” which will capture and centralize in readily accessible format, information on libraries whose funding is endangered and encourage the dissemination of this list as an organizing tool.

- (1) “Library Closure Alert Issued” *ALA News*. American Libraries, January 2005, p.8 (ADD OTHER CITATIONS)
- (2) ALA Handbook of Organization 2004-2005: ALA Policy Manual (Chicago: American Library Association), p. 32
- (3) IBID.

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