



**Tribute Honoring David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States,  
Upon his Retirement**

Whereas David S. Ferriero was nominated by President Barack Obama on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009, and confirmed as the 10<sup>th</sup> Archivist of the United States on November 6, 2009;

Whereas David S. Ferriero was sworn into office on November 13, 2009, and simultaneously appointed by President Obama to lead the new National Declassification Center to review millions of pages of documents dating back to the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century;

Whereas David S. Ferriero held leadership roles at Duke University Libraries, MIT Libraries, and New York Public Libraries prior to joining the National Archives and Records Administration, and was the first Archivist of the United States to hold a Master of Library Science degree;

Whereas David S. Ferriero embraced new technologies to collect and manage digital records and open the National Archives to broader audiences creating "citizen archivists" and using social media to encourage public participation in identifying historical Federal records;

Whereas David S. Ferriero instituted new security measures to manage handling of records, to deter theft, and to modernize record management practices;

Whereas David S. Ferriero's persistence led to new facilities opening including the George W. Bush Presidential Library and a new record building in St. Louis, MO. National Archives centers in New York and Denver also received new locations;

Whereas David S. Ferriero oversaw the development of a new model for the preservation and accessibility of Presidential records, resulting in the creation of the first fully digital presidential library, the Barack Obama Presidential Library; and



Whereas David S. Ferriero championed open government and led significant changes in NARA's interactions with the public, including instituting the FOIA Advisory Committee under the stewardship of the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) and other avenues for input from civil society. Now, therefore, be it

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

1. recognizes David S. Ferriero's achievements and many contributions to the profession of librarianship, and specifically to Archives; and
2. expresses its appreciation and gratitude for those contributions and devotion to public service and open government and wishes him well in all the years to come, with many library practitioners looking forward to his continued friendship with us.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracie Hall", written in a cursive style.

Tracie D. Hall, Executive Director  
and Secretary of the ALA Council

