



## TRIBUTE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FLORIDA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION'S 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**Whereas** the Florida Library Association (FLA), a state chapter of the American Library Association, celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2020;

**Whereas** since 1920, FLA's mission has been:

*The Florida Library Association promotes excellence in Florida libraries by advocating strongly for libraries and providing high quality professional and leadership development for a diverse community of library staff, volunteers, and supporters.*

**Whereas** FLA provides funding for several scholarships for students as they embark on their path to librarianship;

**Whereas** FLA offers a multitude of professional development opportunities for all library employees in the state;

**Whereas** FLA advocates for strong public and academic libraries and eagerly shares important issues with the Florida Legislature and the United States Congress;

**Whereas** FLA supports the values of intellectual freedom and offers protection against unwarranted privatization attempts, providing assistance to Florida libraries facing these and other challenges; and

**Whereas** FLA champions strong, indispensable, user-focused Florida libraries that exceed the expectations of the communities and constituents they serve; now therefore be it

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

1. Congratulates and commends the Florida Library Association (FLA) for 100 years of excellence in promoting library services and the library profession in the state of Florida.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association  
Tuesday, June 25, 2019, in Washington, DC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary W. Ghikas".

Mary W. Ghikas, Executive Director and  
Secretary of the ALA Council