

Resolution to Protest the Failure of Illinois to Ratify the Equal Rights Amendment

Whereas, the American Library Association has manifested a position supporting equal rights for women, for example, in ALA Policy 196.6.1 entitled Racial and Sexual Parity, and in the resolution on sex-stereotyping terminology, and

Whereas, the ALA Headquarters is located in Chicago, Illinois, and the ALA Annual Conference for 1976 is scheduled to be held in Chicago, Illinois, and

Whereas, the General Assembly of the State of Illinois has failed to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution

Be it therefore resolved that the Executive Director of ALA be instructed to send telegrams of protest not later than five day• after the adoption of this resolution to the President of the Senate of the Illinois General Assembly and to the Speaker of the House of the Illinois General Assembly, stating: The American Library Association, ALA, protests the failure of the Illinois General Assembly to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution; ALA strongly supports equal rights for woman, ALA deeply regrets that its Annual Conference for 1976 -- the Nation's Bicentennial year and the Centennial year of the Association -- is scheduled to be held in a state which has not yet shown its support for women's equality by ratifying this important measure. Were it feasible to change the location of the 1976 Conference or to relocate the Association's permanent Headquarters which are currently in Chicago, ALA would do so. The American Library Association urges the Illinois General Assembly to ratify the ERA without delay, and

Be it further resolved that the Executive Director simultaneously release copies of this resolution and the text of the telegrams to the national wire services.