

Whereas the voters in Springfield, Oregon, on May 19, 1992 passed a city charter amendment prohibiting the use of public funds or property for promoting, encouraging, or facilitating homosexuality; and

Whereas this law and laws like it may be used to remove gay and lesbian materials from publicly-supported libraries and to prevent the acquisition of neutral or positive library materials about homosexuality; and

Whereas the Oregon Citizens Alliance has succeeded in placing on the Oregon statewide ballot in November 1992, an initiative which would amend the state constitution to prohibit the use of public funds or property to promote, encourage, or facilitate homosexuality, and which would institutionalize anti-gay discrimination in local and state government throughout Oregon; and

Whereas the American Library Association in its Library Bill of Rights and its Freedom to Read Statement strongly opposes all efforts at censorship in libraries, and promotes diversity in library collections and the inclusion of materials representing the viewpoints of all segments of the community;

Therefore be it resolved that the Social ^{ALA} Responsibilities Round Table of the American Library Association condemns any attempts to censor or exclude any viewpoint on homosexuality from libraries; and

Be it further resolved that the Social Responsibilities Round Table ~~vigorously opposes, and~~ urges the Oregon Library Association and all librarians, to publicly and energetically oppose the implementation of censorship in Springfield, Oregon, the passage of the anti-gay state initiative in Oregon, and any other similar initiatives in other local or state jurisdictions; and

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the Springfield, Oregon, City Council and Mayor, Public Library, and Chamber of Commerce, the Oregon Library Association, the Oregon State Library, OUTPAC (the statewide anti-initiative political action committee), the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, the library press, and the major national gay and lesbian press. *local press in Springfield*

Moved by the membership of the Gay and Lesbian Task Force