Tribute Resolution Honoring Alan Inouye upon his retirement from the American Library Association

Whereas, Alan Inouye has worked at the American Library Association for 18 years and first joined ALA as Director of the Office for Information Technology Policy in 2007;

Whereas, Alan Inouye was promoted to Senior Director of Public Policy and Government Relations in 2018;

Whereas, Alan Inouye was named the Interim Associate Executive Director, ALA Public Policy and Advocacy in 2022;

Whereas, Alan Inouye assumed an additional role as Interim Chief Advancement Officer in 2023;

Whereas, Alan Inouye made significant contributions to ALA and libraries during his time;

Whereas, Alan Inouye consistently led strong advocacy campaigns on behalf of America's libraries and supported ALA members in effective approaches to national, state and local advocacy;

Whereas, Alan Inouye earned his Ph.D. in library and information studies at the University of California at Berkeley;

Whereas, Alan Inouye served from 2004-2007 as the Coordinator for both the President's Information Technology Advisory Committee (PITAC) and the Information Technology Subcommittee of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST);

Whereas, Alan Inouye's policy knowledge and experience in copyright and licensing, new models for digital information access, telecommunications, and applying technology to advance entrepreneurship, education and learning, research & development, and government services increased ALA's visibility and stature among influential national decision makers;

Whereas, Alan Inouye conceived and developed a new strategy for conveying how libraries advance important national goals such as entrepreneurship and small business, healthcare, coding and STEM learning and careers, and service to veterans.

Whereas; Alan Inouye was instrumental in the establishment of America's Libraries for the 21st Century program in 2009, the first future of libraries program at ALA;

Whereas, Alan Inouye provided leadership on the Second Order on E-rate Modernization for Libraries and Schools at the Federal Communications Commission;

Whereas, Alan Inouye ensured that libraries were included in the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (under the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act);

Whereas, Alan Inouye provided critical leadership and direction of e-book advocacy for ALA and the field by fostering and contributing to the Digital Content Working Group, ensuring that ultimately all major publishers provided licenses for library lending;

Whereas, Alan Inouye, with ALA Past President Jim Neal, helped establish the ALA Policy Corps to expand the association's ability to advocate on key policy issues on behalf of the library community;

Whereas, Alan Inouye provided leadership within the library community to turn back the e-book embargo by Macmillan Publishers in 2020;

Whereas, Alan Inouye ensured a more robust interpretation of fair use in the digital age, achieved primarily in federal courts and the U.S. Copyright Office.

Whereas, Alan Inouye led ALA's work to obtain $200 million from the American Rescue Plan Act for libraries;

Whereas, Alan Inouye led or co-led proposals to secure millions of dollars in funding for ALA for initiatives that advanced library broadband capacity, coding and computational thinking, and support for entrepreneurs and small businesses through America's libraries;

Whereas, Alan Inouye understood the importance of connecting libraries to nontraditional allies to craft strong policy;

Whereas, Alan Inouye's dedication to the next generation of library policy workers led him to mentor numerous early career professionals;

Whereas, Alan Inouye serves as a member of the University of Maryland's MLIS Advisory Board;

Whereas, Alan Inouye read, spoke, and wrote widely on issues related to libraries, technology, and information policy with an eye always to the future;

Whereas, Alan Inouye will retire from the American Library Association on February 28, 2025;

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

1. Recognizes and celebrates the outstanding service and leadership that Alan Inouye has provided to libraries, the library community and the American Library Association;
2. Expresses its appreciation and gratitude for his eighteen years of service; and offers Alan Inouye best wishes on his retirement.

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