

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE  
HUMANITIES ON ITS 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Whereas the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) celebrates its 50th anniversary in this year, 2015;

Whereas ALA has been fortunate to partner with NEH on dozens of innovative humanities programs throughout the years;

Whereas NEH seeded ALA's Cultural Communities Fund, an endowment to support cultural programming in libraries; advanced the nationally known "Let's Talk about It" model for scholar-led discussion programs; and currently is offering Latino Americans: 500 Years of History, an initiative that provides \$1 million in funding to U.S. libraries for programs about Latino American history and culture;

Whereas Libraries across the country benefit from NEH challenge grants, preservation programs, state-level humanities council grants, digital humanities and public programs grants;

Whereas thousands of individuals across the country have benefited from humanities programming, which advances lifelong learning, literacy, and cultural awareness; now, therefore, be it

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

1. congratulates the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) for its 50 years of outstanding contributions to the profession.

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