

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Israel Fishman, Coordinator
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American Library Association

TO: ALA Council and Membership

RE: Resolution for Consideration

June 22, 1971

I respectfully request that the following resolution be considered at your meeting on Thursday, June 24, 1971.

WHEREAS at least between four and ten percent of the population leads a same-sex life style, and
WHEREAS Gay people suffer arbitrary discrimination in employment and housing when their interpersonal orientation becomes known, and
WHEREAS the struggle of Gay people to liberate themselves from arbitrary discrimination poses for librarians problems similar to those of other oppressed minorities,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The American Library Association endorses the following statement of position: "The American Library Association recognizes that there exist minorities which are not ethnic in nature but which suffer oppression. The Association recommends that libraries and members strenuously combat discrimination in service to and employment of individuals from ALL minority groups, whether the distinguishing characteristics of the minority be ethnic, sexual, religious or of any other kind.

Passed by the Membership Meeting
June 23, 1971 - Dallas