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RESOLUTION ON GAY RIGHTS

WHEREAS approximately 10% of American men and women are gay, and  
WHEREAS there now exists a climate of hostility toward equal rights  
for gay citizens, and  
WHEREAS much of this hostility is generated by individuals and groups  
who perpetuate ignorance and fear through misinformation, and  
WHEREAS in 1971 the American Library Association Council and Membership  
adopted a resolution recommending that "libraries and members  
to  
strenuously combat discrimination in services and employment  
of individuals from all minority groups, whether distinguishing  
characteristics of the minority be ethnic, sexual, religious,  
or any other kind",

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council re-affirms its support for equal  
employment opportunity for gay librarians and library  
workers, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to combat the current campaign against full  
human rights for gay American citizens, Council recommends  
that libraries re-affirm their obligation under the  
Library Bill of Rights to disseminate information  
representing all points of view on this controversial  
topic.

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The American Library Association Council  
reaffirms its support for equal employment op-  
portunity for gay librarians and library work-  
ers. The Council recommends that libraries  
reaffirm their obligation under the *Library Bill  
of Rights* to disseminate information repre-  
senting all points of view on this topic.  
(See also 54.3.)