

Resolution to Endorse the Gay History/Lesbian Herstory International Microfilming Project

Whereas the need to preserve gay history and lesbian her-story <sic> exists because the resources and numbers of archives and collections devoted to its preservation are very limited,

Whereas much of gay history and lesbian herstory exists prior to the mid-1970s opening of small presses that began publishing gay and lesbian writers and exists in the form of periodicals, magazines, and newsletters, and the creation of current gay history and lesbian herstory is still documented predominantly in periodicals, magazines, and newsletters,

Whereas many of these periodicals, magazines, and newsletters are or were published on poor quality paper using inferior printing techniques, gay history and lesbian herstory are being threatened by the disintegration of these publications, and a large portion of history will cease to exist when these publications disintegrate,

Whereas libraries in the past and present, whether consciously or unconsciously, have contributed to the oppression of gays and lesbians by limiting or providing no access at all to their history, therefore failing to educate the general public and directly oppressing gays and lesbians by refusing to acknowledge their existence and failing to preserve their history, and,

Whereas SRRT is opposed to the oppression of any minority people and further opposed to conscious and unconscious censorship of information,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT SRRT fully endorses the Gay History/Lesbian Herstory International Microfilming Project and believes that librarians should make it their responsibility to support and create gay history/lesbian herstory microfilm collections in their libraries, and SRRT will lend its support to the project by printing information in its newsletter so that librarians of SRRT will become aware of this vital issue.

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