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RESOLUTION ON THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA (revised)

WHEREAS the American Library Association (ALA) has had a long relationship with the Boy Scouts of America (BSA); and

WHEREAS the BSA continues to exclude persons from membership and leadership on the basis of religious beliefs and/or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS ALA policies 54.17 and 60.2 declare the Association's support for gay rights and "actively commits [ALA's] prestige and resources" to opposing discrimination in several areas including sexual orientation and creed; and

WHEREAS ALA policy 1.1 "recognizes [ALA's] broad social responsibilities...in ameliorating or solving the critical problems of society," among which are homophobia and religious intolerance; and

WHEREAS ALA reaffirms the responsibility that librarians have to provide library services equitably to all children and young adults regardless of their affiliations; therefore be it

RESOLVED that ALA Council urges the Boy Scouts of America to reconsider their policy of discrimination in the areas of sexual orientation and religious belief and demonstrate a commitment to human rights, inclusiveness and mutual respect.

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