

**RESOLUTION ON TRIBAL COLLEGE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP IN THE FEDERAL  
DEPOSITORY LIBRARY PROGRAM**

- WHEREAS,** For more than 140 years, the Government Printing Office (GPO) and the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) have been partners in keeping America informed by distributing federal government information products to depository libraries for public use; and
- WHEREAS,** Participation in the FDLP reinforces the public's right of access to federal government information; and
- WHEREAS,** Five tribal college libraries have successfully entered the FDLP since 2005 as selective depositories; and
- WHEREAS,** Participation in the FDLP by more tribal college libraries will raise awareness of, and access to, federal government information resources for faculty, students, staff, and the public at tribal college libraries; and
- WHEREAS,** Designation as a depository brings to libraries the prestige that the library is a recognized resource for official, reliable federal government information; and
- WHEREAS,** The GPO's strategic vision "to serve the public's needs by increasing access to, and usefulness of, federal information" complements the missions of tribal college libraries to serve the information needs of their academic and public communities; and
- WHEREAS,** The *Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act* of 1994 authorizes land-grant status to many tribal colleges, facilitating the FDLP designation of these institutions; and
- WHEREAS,** The GPO has demonstrated its willingness to work with all tribal libraries interested in depository designation by reviewing the current requirements for attaining depository status; and

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- WHEREAS,** Depository designation would bring tribal college libraries into a network of almost 1300 depository libraries to share expertise and engage in cooperative activities to the benefit of all FDLP libraries and their users; and
- WHEREAS,** Depository designation will place tribal college libraries in a stronger position to respond to the development and expansion of e-government, facilitating the provision of excellent e-government services to remote and underserved communities; and
- WHEREAS,** Depository designation of tribal college libraries would strengthen and enrich the FDLP and its member libraries; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the American Library Association (ALA) supports the membership of tribal colleges in the Federal Depository Library Program, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the ALA works with the GPO to assist all tribal colleges interested in joining the FDLP.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith Michael Fiels', with a stylized, cursive script.

Keith Michael Fiels

ALA Executive Director

and Secretary to the ALA Council