

North Dakota Library Association Resolution Supporting ALA Action Against CIPA

WHEREAS the recently enacted Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) mandates that libraries and schools install and use filtering software on public Internet computers as a prerequisite for receiving federal funds, including LSTA and E-rate funds; and

WHEREAS no filtering software currently available successfully differentiates constitutionally protected speech from illegal speech on the Internet; and

WHEREAS the federal commission appointed to study child safety on the Internet concluded filters are not effective in blocking all content that some may find objectionable, but do block much useful and constitutionally protected information; and

WHEREAS the North Dakota Library Association encourages local libraries to adopt and implement Internet policies the same way they adopt other standards, based on the needs of their communities; and

WHEREAS the North Dakota Library Association believes that supporting parents in the education of their children in usage of the Internet provides the children with the best protection; and

WHEREAS the American Library Association has resolved to challenge CIPA in federal courts;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Dakota Library Association endorses and supports the legal action by the American Library Association.

Adopted by the North Dakota Library Association Executive Board