

**A Resolution Recognizing the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the GPO Access Act and  
Calling for the Enactment of the FDLP Modernization Act**

Whereas, on June 8, 1993, the Government Printing Office Electronic Information Access Enhancement Act of 1993, Public Law 103-40, also known as the GPO Access Act, was signed into law; and

Whereas, the GPO Access Act transformed the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) by providing free public access to federal government publications online, including an online catalog (the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications) and digital repository (govinfo.gov); and

Whereas, the GPO Access Act was one of the earliest federal laws requiring the government to provide public access to information online and paved the way for wider use of the Internet as a means for public access to government information; and

Whereas, the American Library Association adopted Council Document #27.5, Resolution on Public Law 103-40 Government Printing Office Electronic Information Access Act Enhancement Act of 1993, at its 1993 Annual Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, which declared, “Enactment of this Act is a splendid first step in establishing a framework that will guarantee the public equitable, free, and easy access to government information in electronic format;” and

Whereas, no-fee permanent public access to government information online, in partnership with libraries and the FDLP, remains essential to providing effective library and information services; now, therefore be it

*Resolved*, that the American Library Association, on behalf of its members:

1. Recognizes the efforts of the policymakers, government officials, librarians and advocates who have been involved in enacting, implementing, and providing access to the important services created under the GPO Access Act; and
2. Calls for further modernization of government information services to improve the public’s access to government information by enactment of the FDLP Modernization Act, H.R. 5305.

Endorsed in principle by the Government Documents Roundtable (6/24/2018).