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SAN FRANCISCO LIBRARY COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OPPOSING ELIMINATION OF STATE LIBRARY PROGRAM FUNDING IN GOVERNOR BROWN'S 2011-12 BUDGET.

WHEREAS, The Governor's proposed budget decreases General Fund assistance for public libraries by \$30.4 million in FY 2011-12, eliminating the California Library Services Act, Public Library Foundation and the California Library Literacy and English Acquisition Services; and

WHEREAS, California Library Services Act (CLSA) supports universal access to library resources, fosters inter-library cooperation, funds Transaction-Based Reimbursement (TBR) to reimburse libraries for loaning books and materials to other libraries' residents, and supports the right of all Californians to walk in and check out materials from any public library anywhere in the state; and

WHEREAS, California Library Literacy and English Acquisition Services Program (CLLS) provides basic skills to support good citizenship, employment opportunities and families who value education, enables Californians to reach their literacy goals, and serves over 20,000 adults annually in over 800 library locations statewide; and

WHEREAS, The Public Library Foundation (PLF) leverages State funding to ensure local support, provides per capita funding of about \$.30 per year specifically for library services to every library jurisdiction that meets a threshold level of local funding, which has seen funding cut more than 75% since 2000 and has never been fully funded, and provides some libraries' only support to fund library materials for community members; and

WHEREAS, Elimination of State funding will jeopardize \$16 million in federal funds as a result of the State not meeting the required maintenance of effort; and

WHEREAS, The impact of the cutbacks would represent a loss of approximately \$300,000 for the San Francisco Public Library, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Library Commission oppose the proposed elimination of state library program funding; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Library Commission urges the California Legislature to restore library funding to the State budget in order to best serve all residents of California, particularly the underserved.

Approved on _____.

Library Commission Secretary