

Monterey Bay Area Cooperative Library System

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RESOLUTION NO. 2007 - 1

MONTEREY BAY COOPERATIVE LIBRARY SYSTEM RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FULLY FUNDED LIBRARY SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Monterey Bay Cooperative (MOBAC) Library System is a multitype organization, which develops and delivers information services to member libraries and other clients using the most effective technologies, promotes sharing its members' diverse resources, and plays a leadership role in developing innovative programs to meet its members' needs; and

WHEREAS, MOBAC members from public, academic and special libraries serve communities and institutions within Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties within a wide range of economic, cultural, social and technological diversity found in the geographic region; and

WHEREAS, despite these differences in demographics, all MOBAC members are unified in one core value: the library in each community — whether public, academic or special — is essential in that community for creating a literate population that has a place to access information, gather with like-minded people, explore ideas and participate in public discourse; and

WHEREAS, the adopted MOBAC Strategic Plan 2005-2007 states that MOBAC and its members will "provide support and input to those members engaged in budget challenges or other threats to local library services"; and

WHEREAS, the adopted MOBAC Strategic Plan 2005-2007 states that MOBAC and its members will "present a coordinated effort on advocacy and library services as it relates to the overall membership or to enhance local library support"; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey Bay Area Cooperative Library System affirms the importance of fully funded library services and qualified management, professional and paraprofessional staff at all levels to library users of all ages for developing and using essential information literacy skills, sharing the joy of reading and cultural activities and ensuring lifelong learning opportunities; and

RESOLVED that MOBAC communicate this resolution to library supporters, local library governing bodies and representatives and to others, as appropriate

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF THE MONTEREY BAY AREA COOPERATIVE LIBRARY SYSTEM on this 9 day of March, 2007, by the following vote:

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COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: 6

APPROVED:

Chair of the MOBAC Administrative Council