



## **Resolution to urge Congress to fund the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), including full funding for the Grants to States Program and the Native American Grants Program under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), and other grants that support Oklahoma libraries.**

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WHEREAS, federal library funding helps Oklahoma libraries provide resources for students, assistance to small business, internet access, support for job seekers, technology training, summer reading programs, and transparent access to the information necessary to support a free and open democracy; and,

WHEREAS, school, public, academic, and tribal libraries in all Oklahoma communities are better able to serve their patrons with in-depth, accurate resources made possible by federal funding; and,

WHEREAS, the LSTA Grants to States Program is flexible, allowing the Oklahoma Department of Libraries to meet the particular library and information needs of our state's people; and,

WHEREAS, a 2017 independent evaluation showed the Oklahoma Department of Libraries to be an excellent steward of federal library funds; and,

WHEREAS, the LSTA Native American Grants Program has provided basic and enhancement grants to Oklahoma tribal libraries, allowing them to better serve the informational and educational needs of Indian Country; and,

WHEREAS, Oklahoma children have benefited from the Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) grants through the U.S. Department of Education, enabling our poorest schools to obtain essential materials, books, and supplies; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, that the Oklahoma Library Association urges Congress to pass, and President Trump to sign, a federal budget that appropriates \$230 million to IMLS for libraries and museums, which will fully fund the Grants to States Program at \$186.6 million; fully fund the Native American Grants Program at \$3.86 million and other competitive library grants at \$23 million; and, also, be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Oklahoma Library Association urges Congress to pass, and President Trump to sign, a \$27 million appropriation to the IAL program through the U.S. Department of Education budget.**

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