



**Resolution in Support of the Campaign for Open Government
Submitted by the Information Policy Committee, April 2006**

Whereas the BC Freedom of Information and Privacy Association (FIPA) has initiated a Campaign for Open Government to reform:

- the BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)
- the way the government administers the FOIPPA
- the under funding of FOI administration and the Commissioner's office;

And Whereas a wide range of community organizations are involved including Western Canada Wilderness Committee, BC Coalition of People with Disabilities, Sierra Legal Defence Fund, Ethos Strategy Group, BC Health Coalition, BC Civil Liberties Association, Trial Lawyers Association of BC, Adbusters, UBC School of Journalism, Canadian Taxpayers Federation, BC Committee for Racial Justice and the Muslim Canada Federation;

And Whereas libraries were a very active part of the Coalition that lobbied for the original FOIPPA and have participated in subsequent reviews;

And Whereas access to information, particularly government information, is a core value of libraries;

And Whereas the objectives of the Campaign are to implement the recommendations of the 2004 Special Committee on the FOIPPA and to restore funding to the Office of the BC Information and Privacy Commissioner so it can fulfill its mandate;

Be it Therefore Resolved that BCLA support the Campaign for Open Government and appoint a representative to sit on the steering committee.

Moved by C. Graebner. Seconded by W. Knox-Carr