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Libraries in Illinois

**In Recognition of Extraordinary Contributions and Leadership,
the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois
Presents This Resolution to Honor
Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian Alexi Giannoulias**

- ❖ Whereas Alexi Giannoulias assumed the Office of the Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian in 2023;
- ❖ Whereas among his many notable achievements, Secretary Giannoulias was instrumental in the first-of-its-kind law in the nation that prohibits book banning in libraries and other states are now seeking to emulate this groundbreaking legislation;
- ❖ Whereas Secretary Giannoulias implemented a program to provide all residents of Illinois with access to a multitude of databases, regardless of status, race, age, or educational level reached, for the purposes of research, education, and enrichment;
- ❖ Whereas Secretary Giannoulias has worked tirelessly to support all library types across the State of Illinois;
- ❖ Whereas Secretary Giannoulias has partnered with the University of Illinois System and CARLI on supporting the creation of no-cost textbooks through his \$3 million grant to academic libraries, thereby eliminating one barrier toward equity;
- ❖ Whereas Secretary Giannoulias has made the University of Illinois System and CARLI its partner on projects such as the Digital Public Library of America and the Illinois Library Delivery Service, both free of charge to all Illinois residents;
- ❖ Whereas Secretary Giannoulias' contributions as an excellent, intelligent, thoughtful, hard-working, and dedicated person are spotlighted by CARLI Governance Board;
- ❖ Therefore, be it resolved, that the Governance Board of the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois along with CARLI staff, and its approximately 130 member libraries express their deepest appreciation for the outstanding contributions made by Alexi Giannoulias during his amazingly productive two years of service as the State Librarian; and extend their pledge of partnership with his office, and extend their shared best wishes as he continues his service to all Illinoisans.
- ❖ Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be entered permanently into the minutes of the CARLI Governance Board.

Signed this 22nd Day of October 2024 by the CARLI Governance Board of Directors