**Sample Draft Resolution Supporting Provincial Public Library Funding**

WHEREAS public libraries are vibrant community hubs where residents of all ages and backgrounds can learn, work, train, innovate, explore and connect;

and, WHEREAS

the [Community] Public Library provides community members with equitable, reliable access to broadband internet;

and, WHEREAS

the [Community] Public Library uses technology to make resources more accessible and responsive to people’s changing needs;

and, WHEREAS

the [Community] Public Library support local economic development through the provision of important business development and job skills programming for adults and youth;

and, WHEREAS

the [Community] Public Library works closely with local residents to deliver valued programs and services and shares knowledge and resources;

and, WHEREAS

the [Community] Public Library continues to responsibly manage public resources with the utmost care and is committed to the sustainability of its services;

and, WHEREAS

the [Community] Public Library recognizes the opportunity that targeted provincial investment can provide to secure more equitable access to increasingly significant digital resources and library-based services across Ontario;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**

1. that the [Community] encourages the Province of Ontario to continue to recognize and support the contribution of local libraries within their communities;

2. that the [Community] encourages the Province of Ontario to maintain existing funding for Ontario’s public libraries,

3. that the [Community] encourages the Province of Ontario to make a new, ongoing, targeted annual investment to strengthen access to modern, cost-effective digital resources and services for all Ontarians through local public libraries in accordance with the [Ontario Library Association and Federation of Ontario Public Libraries & 2020 Pre- Budget Recommendations](http://www.accessola.org/web/Documents/Advocacy/OLA%20and%20FOPL%202020%20Budget%20Submission%20-%20FINAL.pdf);

4. that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ontario Minister of Heritage, Sport, HHHTourism, and Culture Industries, to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs, to the local MPPs, to the Association of Municipalities Ontario, to the Ontario Library Association, to the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries, and to [Upper Tier Municipality] and local area municipalities for endorsement.

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