

**Cleveland Public Library**

**Board Meeting**

November 20, 2014

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RESTORING THE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND**

To urge the Governor and members of the Ohio General Assembly to restore the Public Library Fund (PLF) to 2.22% of the total General Revenue Fund (GRF).

- WHEREAS, Ohio's public libraries play an essential role in the community, improve the quality of life, and give everyone a chance to succeed; and
- WHEREAS, Public libraries in Ohio are open to all citizens more than 2.1 million hours a year; and
- WHEREAS, 1.8 million children and 7.1 million adults are card holders at public libraries in Ohio; and
- WHEREAS, Annual visits to Ohio's public libraries recently reached more than 85 million; and
- WHEREAS, State funding for public libraries ensures all Ohioans have access to any library in the state regardless of where they live; and
- WHEREAS, Public libraries provide public access to the Internet, computers, and the latest technology; and
- WHEREAS, Public libraries help Ohioans find jobs, offer literacy and homework help centers, and provide life-long learning opportunities and programming for all ages; and
- WHEREAS, State funding for public libraries has been cut by more than \$105 million since 2008 resulting in a 24% loss in funding; and
- WHEREAS, Public libraries currently receive the same level of state funding they received in 1996; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Cleveland Public Library Board of Trustees, respectfully request that the Governor and members of the Ohio General Assembly restore the Public Library Fund (PLF) to 2.22% of the total General Revenue Fund (GRF).