

**Resolution in Support of the elimination of the sunset provision of the  
Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF)**

Whereas, the Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund was created in 1989 to provide technical assistance and grants to establish, improve or enhance records management programs among New York's more than 4,300 local governments, and

Whereas, the Documentary Heritage Program (DHP), another aspect of the LGRMIF, complements the local government program by assisting community archives, and

Whereas, both the LGRMIF and the DHP have operated successfully to improve the management of records and information in local governments and community archives, and

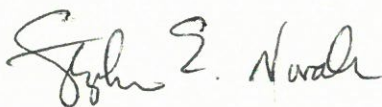
Whereas, the New York State Legislature in 1995 extended the sunset date to December 31, 2000, and

Whereas, the LGRMIF and the DHP continue to operate at a high standard of excellence and provide direct and significant benefit to local governments and community archives at no cost to the taxpayers, and

Whereas, the Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York, an organization of over 300 archivists, manuscript curators, and records managers has a direct interest in the preservation and promotion of our state's precious documentary heritage, and

Whereas, the LGRMIF and the DHP are innovative, useful and frugal programs, that use no taxpayer money, therefore

Be it resolved that the Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York hereby supports the elimination of said sunset provision as embodied in Bill A7563 and S5023 and calls upon our legislators to make the LGRMIF and DHP permanent.



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