

# Resolution on the Berlin Declaration

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WHEREAS the widest possible dissemination of research information, scientific knowledge, and cultural heritage is a public good, and

WHEREAS the Internet in conjunction with *Open Access* tools and principles are important factors in promoting such dissemination, and

WHEREAS the Berlin Declaration encourages educational and research organizations to promote open access and to develop the means and ways of effectively employing open access in the research, publication, and promotion and tenure processes, while continuing to value intellectual property and copyright, and

WHEREAS the Berlin 9 Conference scheduled for November 9, 2011 in Washington, DC will be an important opportunity for the host nation to demonstrate widespread support for the Berlin Declaration and open access, and

WHEREAS [*School Name*] has the infrastructure to support open access via the institutional repository [*URL*] and

WHEREAS the [*School Name*] Faculty Senate Library Committee unanimously endorses the principles of the Berlin Declaration

Be it RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of the [*School Name*] endorse the principles of the Berlin Declaration, and

Be it further RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate encourages the [*Academic Executive Title*] to sign the Berlin Declaration on behalf of the [*School Name*] .

Text of the Berlin Declaration: <http://is.gd/HTZLr6>

Berlin 9 Open Access Conference: <http://www.berlin9.org/>