

# RESOLUTION

## On Cultural Awareness

WHEREAS, the International Reading Association is recognized as the leading organization promoting optimal literacy experiences for all and

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RESOLVED, that the International Reading Association, through its professional meetings, conferences, and publications, and through collaboration with concerned organizations and national constituencies, encourage and assist in promoting cultural diversity and its relationship to literacy development, through initiatives that help members

- celebrate diversity;
- make literacy accessible to all learners;
- interact with learners in a culturally sensitive manner;
- increase sensitivity to and work toward the elimination of cultural bias in the materials used for instruction and evaluation;
- use a variety of instructional materials that foster acceptance and appreciation of others;
- develop and use materials that recognize the contributions and experiences of diverse cultural groups;
- advocate and support assessment issues that are culturally responsive and offer valid and reliable alternative assessment tools;
- encourage the involvement of parents, other caregivers, and members of the
- community with varied socioeconomic and religious backgrounds, gender, or global differences; and
- understand the obstacles and/or restrictions of academic opportunities and outcomes that often exist among cultural groups within and between nations.

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