# RESOLUTION 2022-06

# REGARDING PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NEW MEXICO LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (NMLBPD), a cooperating library of the National Library Services for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS), provides Braille and audio materials to enrich the lives of New Mexico’s children and adults who are blind or visually impaired in endeavors of education, employment, and leisure; and

WHEREAS, efforts to establish and enhance Braille proficiency of New Mexico’s blind or visually impaired children and Adults are occurring by setting Braille standards in education and increased efforts to provide Braille instruction to youth and adults participating in Vocational Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the NLS, including New Mexico's cooperating library NMLBPD have built capacity to increase the number and types of distributed materials, including through the use of recently produced e-readers; and

WHEREAS, the NMLBPD could become an e-reader distribution center, potentially maintaining rather than greatly increasing the subscription costs related to distribution of Braille materials to New Mexicans from the state library in Utah; and

WHEREAS, the encouragement of the use of e-readers and Braille materials provided by the NLS in general throughout New Mexico would be nurtured by a representative of the NMLPBD who is fluent in Braille and assistive technology:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the National Federation of the Blind of New Mexico assembled in convention in the city of Albuquerque this 28th day of August that the National Federation of the Blind of New Mexico partner with the NMLBPD to increase distribution of e-readers to patrons who qualify and can benefit from them, such as in educational and other appropriate settings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the National Federation of the Blind of New Mexico that as part of this cooperation, call upon the NMLBPD to increase its capacity to promote the use of its Braille, e-readers and other materials and technologies in education and other appropriate settings by hiring an individual who is fluent in Braille and assistive technology.