

**Resolution Guidance Statement on the Consolidation Process of the
Library Foundation of Hennepin County and The Friends of the Minneapolis Public Library**

Whereas, the Hennepin County Library Board appointed a subcommittee to review the work being done by our highly-valued partners, the Library Foundation of Hennepin County and The Friends of the Minneapolis Public Library; and

Whereas, the main mission of both groups is to support programs and services over and above tax-provided support for libraries in Hennepin County; and

Whereas, a unified support entity would strengthen the potential of the continued success of libraries throughout Hennepin County by combining the strengths and talents of both groups into one united support entity for Hennepin County Library; and

Whereas, the Hennepin County Library Board will pursue further exploration of a Friends alliance for independent Friends of the Library entities that may also provide representation and alignment with the larger unified support group;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Hennepin County Library Board strongly supports and agrees to assist as needed to ensure a smooth transition to consolidate the Library Foundation of Hennepin County and The Friends of the Minneapolis Public Library into one unified support group with an effective date of consolidation on or before June 30, 2008.