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Dr. Trudi Bellardo Hahn Resigns as Executive Director of NCLIS

Washington, DC USA, May 30, 2006 — Dr. Beth Fitzsimmons, Chairperson of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, has announced that Dr. Trudi Bellardo Hahn has resigned as the Executive Director effective June 30, 2006.

Dr. Hahn served the Commission in strengthening the relevance of libraries in the lives of American citizens and in affirming that library and information services adequate to meet the needs of the American people are essential to achieve national goals. During her tenure, the Commission identified and recognized libraries that are providing the best health communication services for citizens; designed and began the development of a prototype emergency-preparedness plan for states, for using libraries as distribution centers for emergency preparedness and public warning information; addressed the societal and research implications of large-scale digitization of books and other printed materials; initiated the development of a national library “report card”, a national assessment of the Nation’s library and information services, in order to establish the value and relevancy of America’s public and school libraries; a study of the role of libraries in HIV/AIDS dissemination in Africa; and considered the library needs for an aging population.

Prior to her appointment as NCLIS Executive Director and its Interim Executive Director in 2004, Dr. Hahn was Manager of Library User Education Services and Adjunct Professor at the College of Information Studies at the University of Maryland. Dr. Beth Fitzsimmons, the Commission’s Chairman, thanked Dr. Hahn for her leadership and her efforts in helping the Commission to achieve its goals.

The Executive Committee will begin a search for a successor to Dr. Hahn.

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The U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) is a permanent, independent agency of the Federal government charged by Public Law 91-345 to advise the President and Congress on national and international library and information policies, to appraise and assess the adequacies and deficiencies of library and information resources and services, and to develop overall plans for meeting national library and information needs.

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