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In accordance with Sections 31 and 33 of the Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.44, ("the Act") I hereby dissolve the existing Southern Ontario Library Service Area and Board and in accordance with Section 40 of the Act I hereby establish a special library service board, the Southern Ontario Library Service Board ("the Board"), a corporation without share capital established by letters patent pursuant to the Corporations Act, R.S.O. 1990.

1. The objects of the Board are to deliver programs and services on behalf of the Minister of Culture, Tourism and Recreation by:
 - a) increasing cooperation and coordination among public library boards and other information providers in order to promote the provision of library services to the public and
 - b) assisting public library boards by providing them with services and programs that reflect their needs, including consultation, training and development.

2. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board shall provide the following resources and services:
 - a) programs for the coordination of public library activity and resources,
 - b) direct consulting services to public libraries, assistance to public libraries in obtaining additional advice and training necessary to perform their assumed tasks to ministry approved standards and assistance in the development of effective units of service,
 - c) coordination of an interlibrary loan and information sharing network for public libraries and other information providers as determined appropriate by the ministry and
 - d) promotion and development of public library services.

3. And further, the Board may, with the prior approval of the ministry in writing or through the budget approval process, as appropriate:
 - a) coordinate and provide services identified as being more effectively provided in a shared system to local union and county libraries and other library service boards and
 - b) provide resources and services of an area-wide or province-wide value, free of charge, on a subsidized basis, on a full cost recovery basis or at a profit.

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4. The jurisdiction of the Board is limited to that area shown on a map deposited with the Libraries and Community Information Branch of the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation at 77 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ontario M7A 2R9. The said map describes an area formerly served by the Ontario Library Service Boards in existence in southern Ontario as of March 31, 1989, namely:

- Ontario Library Service - Escarpment
- Ontario Library Service - Rideau
- Ontario Library Service - Saugeen
- Ontario Library Service - Thames
- Ontario Library Service - Trent

Dated at Toronto this 24 day of April, 1995



Anne Swarbrick
Minister