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REFORMA ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN FOR DIALOGUE

Washington, D. C., July 6, 2007 — REFORMA joins other national organizations such as the AFL-CIO, LULAC and NCLR in its support of the National White Ribbon Campaign for Dialogue (<http://whiteribbon.org>).

In line with REFORMA President Mario Ascencio's presidential theme, "Libraries and Justice for All", REFORMA will sign on the organization's support of the White Ribbon Campaign for Dialogue. REFORMA President Ascencio encourages all library users and supporters to wear a white ribbon in support of the effort to "achieve a thoughtful, rational, and respectful debate on the complex issue of immigration reform which leads the country toward solutions rather than further division and frustration".

REFORMA, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking, has a strong history of taking a formal stand against legislation that infringes on the rights of citizens or non-citizens in the use of library services, resources and programs. REFORMA passed resolutions opposing the REAL I.D. Act (2005), the Sensenbrenner Bill (2006) and a resolution that clearly supports immigrant rights and their use of library services and programs (2007). REFORMA members also developed a Library Toolkit to respond effectively to anti-immigrant sentiment which is available on the REFORMA website (www.reforma.org).

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