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UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME LAW LIBRARY SIGNS PRESERVATION STEWARD AGREEMENT WITH GPO

Washington – The University of Notre Dame Kresge Law Library signs a Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) to become a Preservation Steward library in GPO’s Federal Information Preservation Network (FIPNet). Under this agreement, The Kresge Law Library pledges to permanently preserve its print collection of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The CFR is the codification of general and permanent rules published in the Federal Register by Federal departments and agencies.

To help Federal depository libraries meet the needs of efficient Government document stewardship in the digital era, GPO has established Preservation Stewards to support continued public access to historic U.S. Government documents in print format. Preservation Stewards contribute significantly to the effort to preserve printed documents and GPO welcomes all Federal depository libraries that wish to participate as Preservation Stewards.

Through the FDLP, GPO works with approximately 1,150 libraries nationwide to provide public access to authentic, published information from all three branches of the Federal Government in print and electronic formats. The program’s antecedents can be traced back to the act of Congress dated December 27, 1813 (3 Stat. 140), which provided that one copy of the journals and documents of the Senate and House be sent to each university and college and each historical society in each state. GPO has operated the FDLP since 1895. FIPNet is an initiative of the FDLP to expand public access to Government information in depository library collections through collaboration with non-depository library institutions and resources that also possess collections of Federal documents and publications. This effort will result in a National Collection of U.S. Government Information for the use of future generations, and will transform GPO’s *Catalog of U.S. Government Publications* into an index of that comprehensive body of Federal information.

“GPO welcomes The University of Notre Dame Kresge Law Library and its collection of the CFR into this important program of maintaining Government information in all platforms,” said GPO Director Davita Vance-Cooks. “I encourage more libraries to become part of this venture of preserving valuable print collections of Government information.”

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