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**Commendation on Glen Lake  
Sanatorium**

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Staff draft of proposed resolution commending Gov. Andersen, the Minnesota Legislature, the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners, the Glen Lake Sanatorium Commission, and the sanatorium administrator for successful passage of a legislative act authorizing the County to lease Glen Lake Sanatorium to the State.

WHEREAS since 1916 Hennepin County has maintained and operated Glen Lake Sanatorium, an institution with a nation-wide reputation for excellence in the treatment and control of tuberculosis;

WHEREAS since World War II revolutionary methods of tuberculosis treatment have been developed, sharply reducing the length of patient stay at the sanatorium and thereby reducing the patient census from a high of 718 in 1929 to 144 in 1961;

WHEREAS this decline in patient census has created difficult problems in making most effective use of this excellent facility for other community health needs and helping reduce the cost to County taxpayers of continued operation of the institution;

WHEREAS the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners and the Glen Lake Sanatorium Commission have seen the need for dealing with these problems, and to this end have had surveys made on the management and future role of the institution, have sponsored legislation to permit care of non-tuberculosis patients and to reorganize the administration of the institution, and have effectively carried out this reorganization;

WHEREAS the two commissions decided that the best long run use of the sanatorium from the standpoint of community service as well as expense to the taxpayer would be to have the State of Minnesota operate the hospital for the care of tuberculosis patients and compatible State-administered welfare programs;

WHEREAS the commissions introduced legislation in the 1961 Legislature to accomplish this end, actively promoted this legislation, and secured Governor Andersen's support for it;

AND WHEREAS this legislation now has been adopted by the 1961 Legislature, and the State of Minnesota is now authorized to lease Glen Lake Sanatorium from Hennepin County, giving promise of more effective utilization as an important public health facility and reduced expense for the Hennepin County taxpayer;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Citizens League commends Governor Andersen, the Minnesota Legislature, the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners, the Glen Lake Sanatorium Commission, and the sanatorium administrator for their roles in the successful passage of this constructive legislation.