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**Resolution on Nursing Home Bill before
the state legislature**

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TO: Members of the Minnesota Legislature:

The resolution below was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Citizens League of Minneapolis and Hennepin County on February 15, 1957.

WHEREAS in its study of the care of the chronically ill medically indigents of Minneapolis completed this year, the Citizens League found that:

- (1) the nursing home picture is far from satisfactory,
- (2) there is a clear need for additional beds for the chronically ill and the aged, and this shortage is a major cause of substandard nursing home care,
- (3) solution of the nursing home problem for the medically indigent involves the State and Federal governments as well as the local governments,
- (4) public and other non-profit organizations are especially urged to establish homes for the aged and nursing homes, and

WHEREAS after long deliberation and numerous public hearings the Legislative Interim Public Welfare Commission has prepared a draft of a bill which would

- (1) Appropriate \$2,000,000 of State funds for the purpose of granting aids on a matching basis to local governments or non-profit corporations to be used in construction of new nursing homes or homes for the aged, and for expansion, remodeling and conversion of existing homes;
- (2) Establish adequate machinery and procedures to assure distribution of the aid grants so as to meet the state-wide needs equitably;
- (3) Finance the grants from certificates of indebtedness, the principal and interest of which are to be paid from a property tax levy during the years 1961 to 1970, inclusive; and

WHEREAS the Citizens League considers this bill will be a step toward meeting the nursing home needs in Minneapolis above outlined, as well as those of the entire state;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Citizens League endorse the bill and urge our elected representatives in the Legislature from Hennepin County to work for and support its passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, if this bill is enacted into law, the State Board of Health be urged in considering applications for grants to give first priority to nursing home applications, and encourage groups interested in establishing homes for the aged to avail themselves of the provisions of section 207, Federal Housing Authority Act, which provides special assistance to non-profit organizations in financing the construction of housing facilities for the aged.