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RESOLUTION: NEED FOR A CONNECTICUT DEMONSTRATION HOUSING COURT

WHEREAS housing is a fundamental necessity in the sustenance of human existence, and

WHEREAS the new Connecticut Landlord-Tenant Act makes both parties more aware of their rights and obligations, provides for court receivership of rents, and reaffirms the doctrine of implied habitability - thus adding to an already overburdened court system, and

WHEREAS the existing courts do not deal effectively with housing matters, and

WHEREAS successful code enforcement would aid in the rehabilitation of existing housing stock, and therefore prevent the spread of blight, prevent further abandonment, and retain existing property values of entire neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS Housing Courts are already successfully in operation in Springfield and Boston, Massachusetts, and

WHEREAS a commission was established by the 1976 State Legislature to study the creation of a demonstration Court or a housing division of the Court of Common Pleas,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we urge churches or Action Committees to contact local representatives of the legislature and to urge them and/or the Judicial Department to support the creation of a demonstration Housing Court in Connecticut.