

WHEREAS, the California Association of State Hospital Trustees have expressed genuine concern about the current freeze on hiring to replace the normal turnover of employees of the State Hospitals; and

WHEREAS, the Association is aware of the actual, present decrease of direct patient care which, even prior to the "freeze" was inadequate and far below the minimum staffing standards established in 1952 by the American Psychiatric Association; and

WHEREAS, the Association is concerned with the care and consideration of the patients in the State Hospitals who, in most cases, cannot speak for themselves; it is also concerned with the enormous long-term costs resulting to the California taxpayer by short-term savings which reduce the level of treatment to said patients, as does a hiring freeze and the resultant loss of treatment personnel.

NOW, THEREFORE, the California Association of State Hospital Trustees duly assembled at the El Dorado Hotel, Sacramento, California on this 10th day of February, 1967, resolves as follows:

1. The California Association of State Hospital Trustees urges the Administration to immediately lift the "freeze" on the hiring of treatment personnel;

2. The California Association of State Hospital Trustees urges that in determining the budget needs of the Department of Mental Hygiene the proper care and treatment of the patients for which the State of California is responsible be given consideration over immediate financial savings which experience indicates results in a higher long-term liability;

3. That this resolution be furnished to the Director of the Department of Mental Hygiene and the legislators of the State of California.