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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

RESOLUTIONS RELATIVE TO MAINTAINING THE CURRENT REGULATIONS OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE CONCERNING THE
EMPLOYMENT OF RECIPIENTS.

1 *Whereas*, The Chief Executive has declared his intentions to
2 direct the Commisisoner of Public Welfare to change the
3 department's regulations and procedure relative to the employ-
4 ment of recipients; and

5 *Whereas*, The effect of these changes would substantially affect
6 the rights of recipients; and

7 *Whereas*, The unilateral actions of the Chief Executive in
8 substantially changing the rights of recipients could be a violation
9 of Article 30 of the Massachusetts Constitution which would
10 subject the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to costly and lengthy
11 litigation; therefore be it

12 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives
13 that the Chief Executive, through the Department of Welfare,
14 should not make any changes in the public welfare regulations and
15 procedures which would substantially affect the rights of an
16 individual to receive welfare benefits without the approval of the
17 General Court and the appropriate Federal Agency; and be it
18 further

19 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives hereby requests
20 the Commissioner of Public Welfare to reject the stated intentions
21 of the Chief Executive and to maintain the current regulations and
22 procedures of said Department relative to the employment of
23 recipients; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions be forwarded by the
25 Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Chief Executive of the
26 Commonwealth, the Secretary of Human Affairs, the Com-
27 missioner of Administration and Finance, and the Commissioner
28 of the Department of Public Welfare.

