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RESOLUTION ON THE CHEMICAL RESIDUES ON FOOD

ADOPTED by the General Assembly

WHEREAS, of the 560 million pounds of herbicides and fungicides used by American farmers annually; 375 million pounds are probably or possibly carcinogenic (according to the Environmental Protection Agency); and

WHEREAS, standard practices for both commercial food preparation and home food preparation do not remove all the chemical residues; and

WHEREAS, children, because of their expected longevity and because of their eating habits are at particular risk,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 28 - August 2, 1989, call on the President and Congress of the United States to reaffirm the mission of the EPA to protect the public through removal or reduction of the use of carcinogenic and other harmful chemicals in the production of food; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Assembly call on the U.S. Department of Agriculture to actively promote and seriously develop expertise in sustainable agriculture practices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Assembly urge members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to communicate the concerns of this resolution to their Senators and Congressional Representatives.