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**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE NATIONAL BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION
OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**

ADOPTED by the General Assembly

WHEREAS, The National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is the Division of Social and Health Services, a General Unit of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); and

WHEREAS, The National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), on behalf of Disciples everywhere, is performing a vital ministry begun in 1887 by a group of Christian women to provide care for homeless and neglected children; and

WHEREAS, The National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has

expanded this work of Disciples from care of needy and dependent children to, in 1900, the care of older adults, and to, in 1964, a special program for the care of both young and old who are developmentally disabled; and

WHEREAS, The National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), in caring daily for more than 8,000 residents in over 60 facilities located throughout the United States, is today continuing and expanding that vital ministry of the church which has now served to change in a positive manner the lives of thousands upon thousands of individuals; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of NBA's first 100 years of this Christian ministry, John O. Humbert, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), in cooperation with the Disciples Special Observance Scheduling Committee, proclaimed the period of Sunday, March 15, through Sunday, March 22, 1987 as NBA Week; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of Disciples' congregations throughout the United States have this year participated in a national centennial celebration marking the 100th year of Disciples ministry through NBA:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, October 16-21, 1987 affirm its recognition and support of the guiding principles of The National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and offer its congratulations not only for the caring ministry that NBA has performed in its first one hundred years, but for the caring ministry that it will perform on behalf of the church in its second century of caring.