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ADOPTED BY MEMBERS OF THE
GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE

ON COLORADO'S PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE AGED AND AGING,
THE MENTALLY ILL, MENTALLY RETARDED AND MENTALLY DEFECTIVE

AND OTHER ACTIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

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F O R E W O R D

This brochure contains the resolutions and recommendations adopted, and other actions taken, by 311 of Colorado's leaders in health, education, legal, and other fields of activity, who attended the State-wide Conference called by Governor Dan Thornton for January 4 and 5, 1954, to consider "COLORADO'S PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE AGED AND AGING, THE MENTALLY ILL, THE MENTALLY RETARDED AND MENTALLY DEFECTIVE".

In addition to the resolutions and recommendations, the brochure contains a list of the program participants and the list of members of the Resolutions Committee.

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RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
AND ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE

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COMMENDATION OF THE THIRTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR ITS ACTIONS
RELATIVE TO FUNDS FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND
PENSIONS TO THE AGED IN STATE INSTITUTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor's Conference on Colorado's Problems Relating to the Aged, the Mentally Ill, and the Mental Defectives, herewith declare that much progress has been made in recent years regarding the care and treatment of these classifications due to the intelligent and courageous stand taken by the General Assembly, particularly as it has acted in regard to increasing the appropriation of funds for the training of mentally retarded and other handicapped children in our public schools and in relation to legislation making it possible for pension funds to be granted to many persons in our State Institutions in order that they can, in turn, help pay part of the cost of their care provided by the State.

ADOPTED by the Conference.

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REVISION OF STATUTES
RELATING TO THE MENTALLY ILL, THE INCOMPETENT AND THE INSANE

BE IT RESOLVED that this Conference recommends that the revision of State laws relating to the Mentally Ill, Incompetent, and Insane, now being developed by the Committee on Mental Health of the Colorado Bar Association in cooperation with the Medical Profession and other groups, be completed for presentation to the General Assembly in 1955.

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DETERMINATION OF STATE AND COUNTY RESPONSIBILITY FOR
CARE OF MENTAL DEFECTIVES

BE IT RESOLVED that this Conference recommend to Honorable Dan Thornton,
Governor of the State of Colorado, that he call upon the General Assembly;
First: To declare a firm policy as to the respective responsibilities of
State and County in regard to the provision of institutional facilities for
the care, training, and education of mental defectives; and
Second: To take whatever legislative steps are necessary to relieve the
several counties of the State from claims by the State for past services
and care of mental defectives; and
Third: To establish a firm policy with regard to future liability, if
any, of the counties for contributing to the cost of institutional care,
training, and education of mental defectives whose families are unable to
pay for such care.

ADOPTED by the Conference.

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EVALUATION AND GUIDANCE CENTERS

BE IT RESOLVED that existing institutions and agencies, which have specialized
services available, be encouraged to set up Guidance and Evaluation Centers
to help the mentally retarded, the mentally ill, and the aging and aged to
attack their problems realistically.

ADOPTED by the Conference.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONTINUING CITIZENS' COMMISSION

BE IT RESOLVED that this Conference recommend to the Governor and the General Assembly that a continuing Citizens' Commission be set up to study the problems -- tremendous in scope -- relating to Colorado's aged and aging, the mentally ill, the mentally retarded, and the mentally defective, item by item as they exist in the sixty-three counties of Colorado; and, also, to study either at first hand or by competent reports the programs of other States wherein real attempts are being made to solve the same problems; and, further, that this Commission report its findings at regular intervals to the Governor and the General Assembly.

ADOPTED by the Conference.

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INCREASED SALARIES FOR PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

BE IT RESOLVED that salaries of professional and technical personnel, in State Institutions and Departments concerned with Mental Health, be increased to the extent necessary to assure adequate staffs; and that appropriations sufficient to accomplish this objective be provided.

ADOPTED by the Conference.

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NURSING HOMES FOR THE AGED

BE IT RESOLVED that it is the recommendation of this Conference that our aged senile people be cared for, insofar as possible, in the family homes and in suitable nursing homes adjacent to general hospitals in the various communities of Colorado, reserving the State Hospital at Pueblo for those persons who require intensive psychiatric and related treatment; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all private institutions, fraternal orders, and foundations interested, be encouraged to activate facilities in their communities throughout the State.

ADOPTED by the Conference.

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COMBINATION HOSPITAL, RECEIVING AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
FOR COLORADO STATE HOSPITAL, PUEBLO

BE IT RESOLVED that this January 1954 Conference recommend to the Governor and the General Assembly that a financing program be developed and approved which will assure the early construction of a combination Hospital, Receiving and Administration Building at the Colorado State Hospital at Pueblo, in order that the administrative operations of this large institution can be carried on more efficiently; in order that it can provide the necessary medical and surgical care and treatment for its more than 5,400 patients; and in order that it can rehabilitate more of the patients for discharge from the Hospital.

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THE STATE MILL LEVY AS A METHOD OF FINANCING BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS
AT THE STATE'S INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING THE MENTAL INSTITUTIONS

WHEREAS the State of Colorado, for a period of many years, has used a State Mill Levy on property as a method of providing funds for new buildings and improvements at all of the State's 22 institutions -- educational, penal, mental, and eleemosynary -- and the total of these levies is 1.07 mills; and

WHEREAS through this method, buildings and improvements have been made since the end of World War II at the State's mental institutions, as follows:

1. Construction of additional buildings and improvements to existing facilities at the State Home and Training School at Grand Junction at a cost of almost \$1,000,000, thereby increasing the capacity of the institution by 225 beds to a total of approximately 685 beds in the institution at the present time;
2. Remodeling and improvements at the State Home and Training School, Ridge, costing \$525,000, which have been completed and which provide approximately 104 more beds at the institution; thereby increasing its capacity to more than 400;
3. Construction of new buildings and facilities at the Colorado State Hospital which cost \$5,691,000 and have given the Hospital 1,070 more beds to relieve overcrowding, temporarily, of the more than 5,400 patients there; and

WHEREAS the above improvements as well as new buildings and improvements at the State's other institutions have been financed by Colorado's taxpayers by means of these very modest continuing mill levies over a period of several years; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Conference recommend to the Governor and the General Assembly that, until a sounder plan is developed by the State, if that can be accomplished, the State continue to rely on the State mill levy for financing the construction of buildings and improvements at all of the State's institutions, including its mental institutions.

ADOPTED by the Conference.

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AND ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE

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INCREASED APPROPRIATION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTERS IN COLORADO

BE IT RESOLVED that this Conference recommend to the General Assembly that it appropriate a sufficient amount of money to support Special Education Centers in the Public Schools throughout Colorado in order that the thousands of mentally retarded children, who are now neglected because of inadequate and inappropriate educational facilities, can receive proper training, and in order that all school districts which establish such Special Education Centers can be reimbursed for the excess costs of such educational programs.

ADOPTED by the Conference.

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W. K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION GRANT OF \$43,860

BE IT RESOLVED that this Conference express its sincere appreciation to the W. K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION of Battle Creek, Michigan, for its grant of \$43,860 to the Colorado State Department of Public Health for the purpose of financing a three-year study of the problems of Chronic Illness, Aging, and Rehabilitation in Colorado, which study is now in progress under the direction of a specially appointed State Advisory Committee of 24 members selected by the State Board of Health and its Executive Director.

ADOPTED by the Conference.

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TO GOVERNOR DAN THORNTON AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

BE IT RESOLVED that this Conference express its sincere appreciation to Governor Dan Thornton for calling this important Conference and to the many participants who have contributed so generously to its discussions and deliberations.

ADOPTED by the Conference.

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RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED FROM THE FLOOR
AND REJECTED BY THE CONFERENCE

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ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AGENCY
TO PLACE MENTALLY RETARDED IN PRIVATE HOMES

BE IT RESOLVED that an agency be established to be a part of the Ridge and Grand Junction institutions which shall have as its purpose the placement of the placeable inmates of these institutions into responsible private homes throughout the State, in order that they may enter into the work life of such foster homes and the social life of the community; also that such a program may decentralize the population of these mentally retarded people and may reduce the expense of their care by the State.

REJECTED by the Conference.

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CASE STUDY COMMITTEES FOR ABNORMAL CHILDREN

BE IT RESOLVED that the superintendents of schools in every community in the State appoint Case Study Committees to hear cases involving children who have tendencies toward social and mental or emotional deviations or disorders, such a case study committee to make suggestions as to what should be done in these cases.

REJECTED by the Conference.

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EXPANSION OF STATE HOME AND TRAINING SCHOOL AT RIDGE

BE IT RESOLVED, by this Conference, that the building program for the enlargement of facilities for the mentally defective at the State Home and Training School at Ridge, Colorado, be expedited with the purpose in mind that this institution be built to 1000 beds within the next five years.

REJECTED by the Conference.

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