



**LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLUTION  
FISCAL YEAR 1997 BUDGET REQUEST**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has considered the needs of people living in poverty in the United States for legal assistance and has reviewed the current federal budgetary situation; and

WHEREAS, for FY 1995 the Congress, after rescission, appropriated \$400 million for Corporation activities and, for FY 1996, the Congress approved a Conference Committee version of H.R. 2076 that would have appropriated \$278 million for Corporation activities, but the President vetoed that bill, in part, because he believed it provided insufficient funds for the Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation recognizes that the federal government's ability to provide even as much funding for legal assistance in FY 1997 as in FY 1995 is extremely limited at this time and that, as a result, President Clinton is likely to propose an FY 1997 budget for the Corporation of \$340 million;

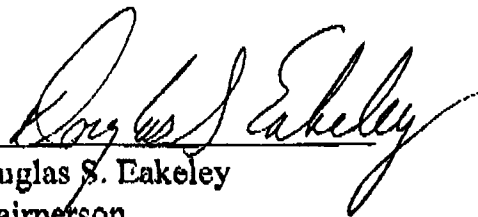
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation's Budget Request for FY 1997:

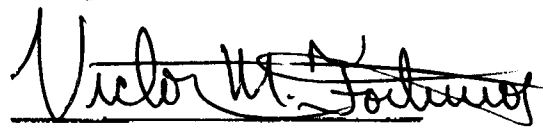
1. Seek \$340 million;
2. Include \$325 million to continue funding for basic field programs for service areas encompassing general basic field, migrant and Native American populations;
3. Include \$5.5 million for grantee financial and compliance audits, covering costs of contracting with auditors and costs of Corporation compliance activities;
4. Include \$9.5 million for Corporation Management and Administration; and

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5. Be submitted to the Congress by the President of the Corporation after consultation with and approval by the Chairs of the Board of Directors, the Finance Committee, and the Provision for the Delivery of Legal Services Committee.

Adopted by the Board on:  
February 24, 1996

  
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Douglas S. Eakeley  
Chairperson

  
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Corporate Secretary

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