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RESOLUTION: SUNDAY BLUE LAWS

WHEREAS, The courts of the State of Connecticut have declared the Blue Laws unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, This action has already forced some individuals to choose between religious observance and employment obligation; and

WHEREAS, This concern extends to the family as a unit; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for one day a week to be dedicated to family togetherness, which includes worship, and for Christians this day has traditionally been Sunday;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Annual Conference of the United Church of Christ gathered in West Hartford go on record as opposed to the operation of non-essential businesses operating on Sunday, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we urge the people of our churches to refrain from non-essential Sunday purchasing, and respectfully urge other churches and peoples in our communities to do the same, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Annual Conference encourages the member churches to do all in their power to bring about laws which protect the rights of individuals whose religious convictions require them to have a particular day of worship.