

**March 22, 2001**

**Resolution ON PUBLIC HOSPITAL BUDGET CUTS**

**Whereas** the mission of the New York City public hospitals, currently directed by the Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC), is to provide the highest quality health care to all New Yorkers regardless of the individual's ability to pay; and

**Whereas** our city's public hospitals, while pursuing this mission, have produced many of the great innovations in medical history, such as the hypodermic syringe, the emergency pavilion, the hospital-based ambulance service, mechanical staple sutures, the coronary bypass operation, and breakthroughs in the treatment of burns, Tay-Sachs disease, and atherosclerosis; and

**Whereas** Mayor Rudolph Giuliani has reduced taxes for the wealthy while steadily slashing the city's subsidy to the HHC until it has reached its present amount—zero; and

**Whereas** HHC President Luis Marcos, a Giuliani appointee, has recently proposed drastic cuts in the HHC budget which threaten the loss of 4,000 hospital worker jobs in the next four years; and

**Whereas** the HHC's financial situation does not justify budget cuts; and

**Whereas** President Marcos's proposed cuts, while perhaps serving his own political ambitions, will damage workers' livelihoods and people's health throughout the city; and

**Whereas** the Municipal Hospital Employees Union Local 420, DC37, has held rallies in protest of President Marcos's cuts; and

**Whereas** the PSC-CUNY believes that health care, like education, is a right shared by all, not just the well-to-do; now therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the PSC supports its fellow union workers in their battle against Health and Hospitals Corporation President Marcos's proposed budget cuts; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the PSC supports the HHC's mission of providing the highest quality health care to all New Yorkers regardless of their ability to pay.