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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

URGENT SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

JUNE 16, 1975

I AM HAPPY TO SIGN THIS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION
WHICH CONTAINS FUNDING WHICH I REQUESTED IN MARCH FOR
CRITICALLY NEEDED SUMMER JOBS AND FOR RECREATION PROGRAMS
FOR YOUTHS.

ALTOGETHER, THIS RESOLUTION WILL FINANCE ABOUT
840,000 JOBS FOR DISADVANTAGED YOUNGSTERS THIS SUMMER. IT
WILL ALSO SUPPORT YOUTH RECREATION AND TRANSPORTATION
PROGRAMS. IN ADDITION, STATES AND LOCALITIES HAVE
ALREADY LAID OUT PLANS TO USE SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OF
DISCRETIONARY FUNDS ALREADY AVAILABLE TO THEM TO SUPPORT
SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS.

THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF OUR YOUTH MUST BE AMONG
OUR PRIMARY CONCERNS. THEREFORE, AS I SIGN THIS
RESOLUTION, I AM ASKING THE SECRETARY OF LABOR AS WELL AS
THE STATE AND LOCAL PROGRAM SPONSORS TO MOVE AT ONCE TO PUT
THESE FUNDS TO WORK HELPING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. I AM ALSO
CALLING FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND PRIVATE EMPLOYERS
TO REDOUBLE THEIR EFFORTS TO HIRE DISADVANTAGED YOUTH THIS
SUMMER.

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