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**RESOLUTION
(FAST FOR FREEDOM IN MENTAL HEALTH)**

WHEREAS, five psychiatric survivors and a social worker from throughout the United States are engaging in a hunger strike to press for human rights and choice in psychiatry (Hunger Strikers); and

WHEREAS, the Hunger Strikers are only asking the mental health industry to produce even one study proving the common industry claim that "mental illness is biologically-based" (<http://www.mindfreedom.org/mindfreedom/hungerstrike.shtml>); and

WHEREAS, Loren Mosher, M.D., the former head of schizophrenia research at the National Institute of Mental Health testified recently in a Law Project for Psychiatric Rights case that the psychiatric claim schizophrenia is a brain disease is completely unsupported by any scientific evidence -- "that a hypothesis has been converted to belief in the absence of supporting evidence;" and

WHEREAS, no study proving the common industry claim that mental illness is biologically-based has been produced; and

WHEREAS, it has been established that psychiatric drugs, particularly the neuroleptics, shorten, if not threaten, the very lives of the people who take them, their claims of effectiveness have not been substantiated, and they most often preclude people's re-integration into mainstream society; and

WHEREAS, these dangerous drugs are primarily used as a means of control, rather than for therapeutic purposes; and

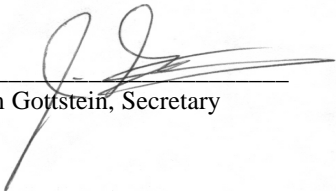
WHEREAS, based on the mental health industry's unproven and untrue claims, courts of law often authorize the forcible medication of people with these dangerous drugs,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Law Project for Psychiatric Rights expresses its solidarity with the hunger strikers and joins their call for evidence proving the claims of the mental health industry.

CERTIFICATE

I, hereby certify the above resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Law Project for Psychiatric Rights, Inc., on August 18, 2003.

DATED: August 18, 2003



Jim Gottstein, Secretary