

**RECOGNIZE AND COMMEMORATE THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
BOSTON EPISCOPAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY**

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THE RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the 239th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts recognizes and commemorates the 300th Anniversary of the Boston Episcopal Charitable Society (the "Society"), founded in 1724, and be it further

Resolved, that the 239th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts expresses gratitude to the Society's trustees and members - past and present - for their mission and stewardship of the poor and needy affiliated, first, with the parishes of the Church of England in Massachusetts and, second, with parishes within the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, and be it further

Resolved, that the 239th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts encourages all members of the diocese to continue to support BECS on an ongoing basis and by membership in the Society

Explanation for

Over the course of its three-hundred-year history, the Boston Episcopal Charitable Society (the "Society"), founded on Easter Monday, April 6, 1724, has remained true to its founding charter: Dare Quam accipere - a reference to Acts 20:35: "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Throughout its history, the Society has maintained its commitment of making individual charitable grants, improving the lives of countless elderly and deserving Episcopalians, first, in greater Boston, and then, in the entire Diocese of Massachusetts. Working with the office of the Bishop and Episcopal parish clergy, the Society has sought to identify deserving individuals of all ages whose lives could be improved by receiving short-term financial assistance. The ongoing support by members of the Diocese of Massachusetts is welcomed by the Society in order to continue its work for another 300 years!

Statement Against

None.

Implementation Requirements

Needs to be accepted by the Diocesan Convention.