EXTENDING THE BOSTON RESIDENTS JOB POLICY

WHEREAS there is a need to ensure that Boston residents receive maximum benefits from the growing private economy of their city, involving the economic resurgency encompassing office, hotel, retail, institutional and unsubsidized residential development;

WHEREAS there is a high rate of unemployment in the City of Boston, among both white and minority residents;

WHEREAS Black, Hispanic, Asian and Native American residents of the City of Boston, as well as female residents have historically been systematically excluded from the construction trades and unions in the City of Boston and such exclusion can and does exacerbate racial and gender tensions as a result of the competition for scarce construction jobs;

WHEREAS the effect of this high level of unemployment has a serious, substantial and deleterious effect for all the neighborhoods of the City of Boston, resulting in the physical deterioration of neighborhoods, vandalism, and crime;
WHEREAS procedures have been outlined to establish a balance between new large scale real estate developments and the needs of low and moderate income residents of the City of Boston, which procedures provide for the establishment of a Development Impact Project Plan and the execution of a Development Impact Agreement to ensure that developments which afford this opportunity for growth also provide a linkage payment for the production of low and moderate income housing in the city's neighborhoods;

WHEREAS in addition to the foregoing, it is appropriate for the City to ensure that each major private development which encompasses office, hotel, retail, institutional or unsubsidized residential development, has a Boston Residents Construction Employment Plan to ensure employment for Boston residents, minorities and women;

THEREFORE, I do hereby order that the following policy shall take effect as of July 12, 1985:

On any new private project or substantial rehabilitation project encompassing office, hotel, retail, institutional or unsubsidized residential development, to which there is a requirement of a Development Impact Project Plan, and to which a Building Permit has not already been issued, that there also be the requirement that the developer submit a Boston Residents Construction Employment Plan to the Boston Redevelopment Authority, which plan shall set forth in detail the developer's
plans to ensure that on a craft by craft basis, the following Boston Residents Construction Employment Standards are met:

(1) at least 50 percent of the total employee workhours in each trade shall be by bona fide Boston residents;
(2) at least 25 percent of the total employee workhours in each trade shall be by minorities; and
(3) at least 10 percent of the total employee workhours in each trade shall be by women.

That plan shall further contain provisions for monitoring, compliance, and sanctions. The Commissioner of Inspectional Services shall not issue any building or use permit with respect to any building, structure, or land which requires a Development Impact Project Plan unless the Director of the Boston Redevelopment Authority has certified on the application for a building or use permit and on each Development Impact Project Plan that the project is consistent with the Boston Redevelopment Authority approved Boston Residents Construction Employment Standards as specified above for said project.

Date: July 12, 1985

Raymond L. Flynn, Mayor