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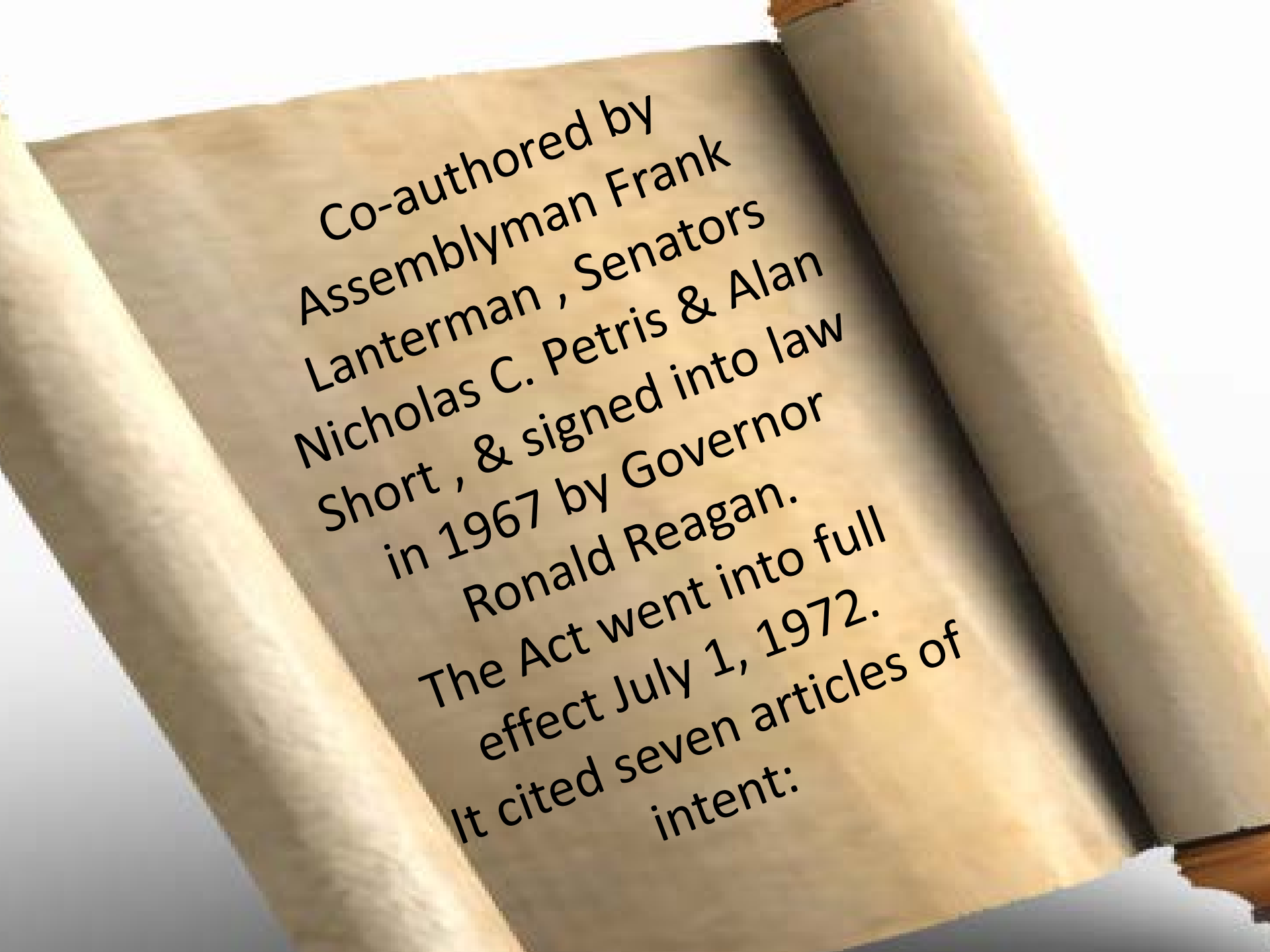
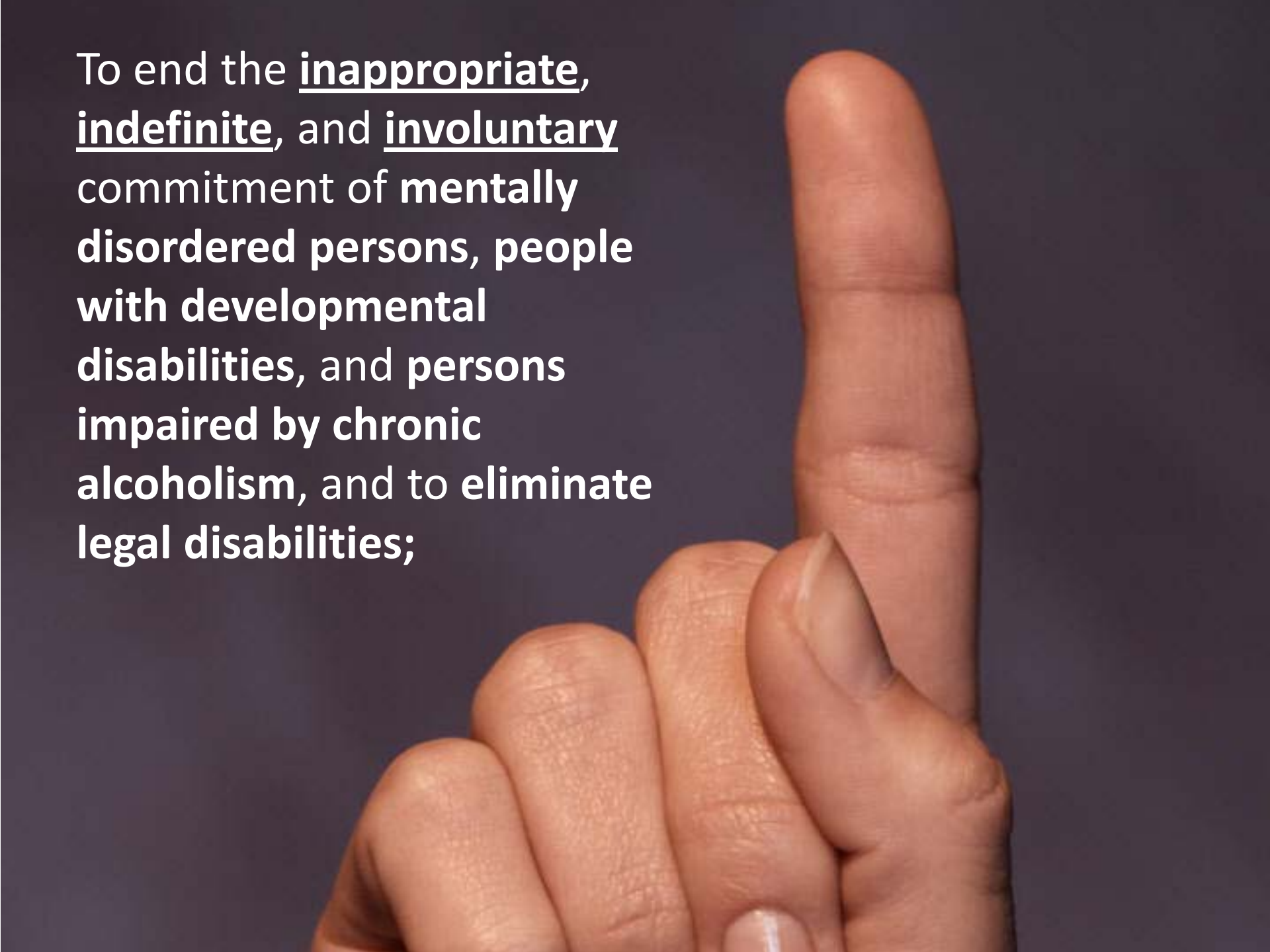

Co-authored by Assemblyman Frank Lanterman , Senators Nicholas C. Petris & Alan Short , & signed into law in 1967 by Governor Ronald Reagan.
The Act went into full effect July 1, 1972.
It cited seven articles of intent:


To end the **inappropriate**, **indefinite**, and **involuntary** commitment of **mentally disordered persons**, **people with developmental disabilities**, and **persons impaired by chronic alcoholism**, and to **eliminate legal disabilities;**

To provide **prompt evaluation and treatment** of persons with serious mental disorders or impaired by chronic alcoholism;

To guarantee and
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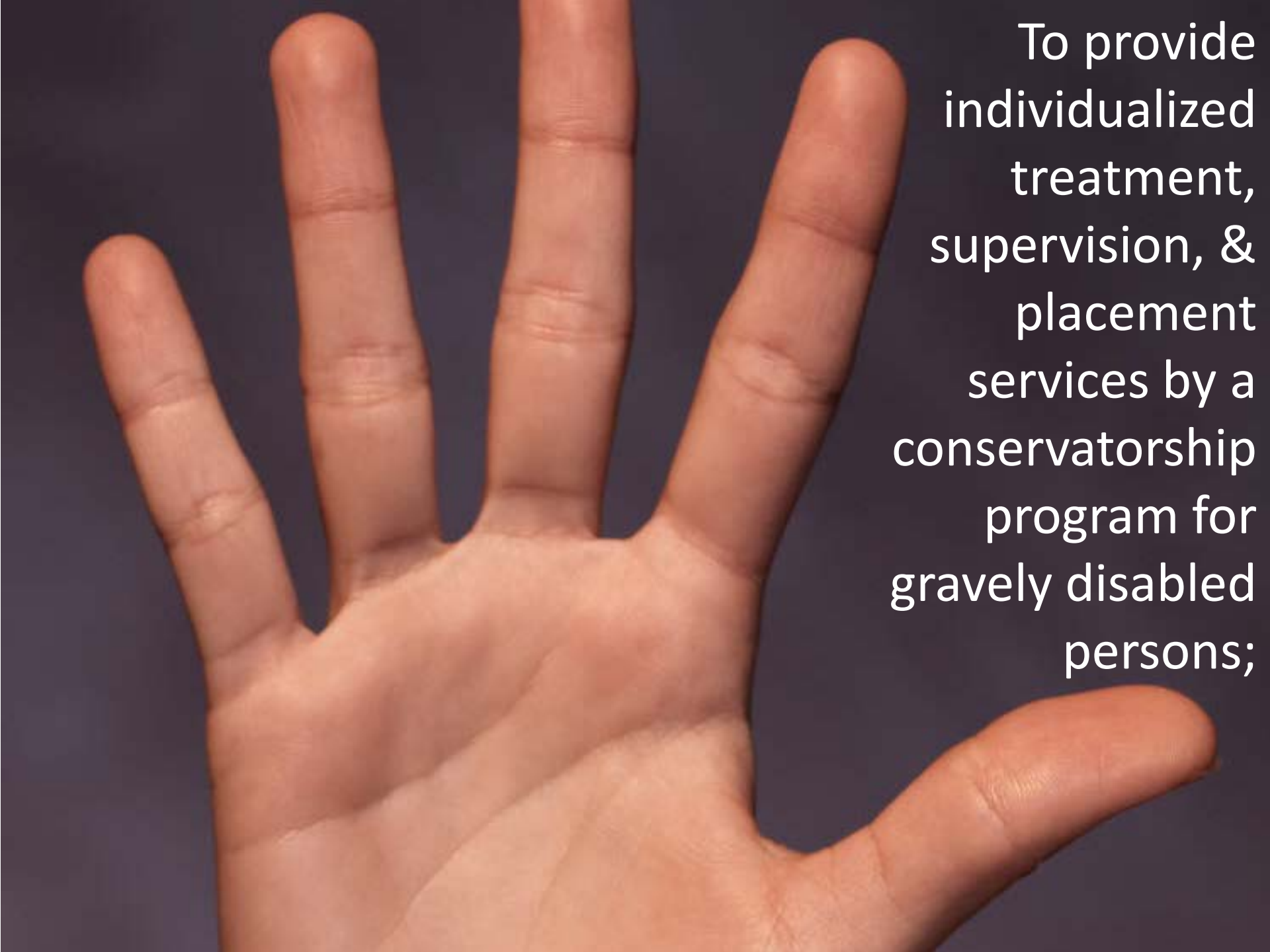
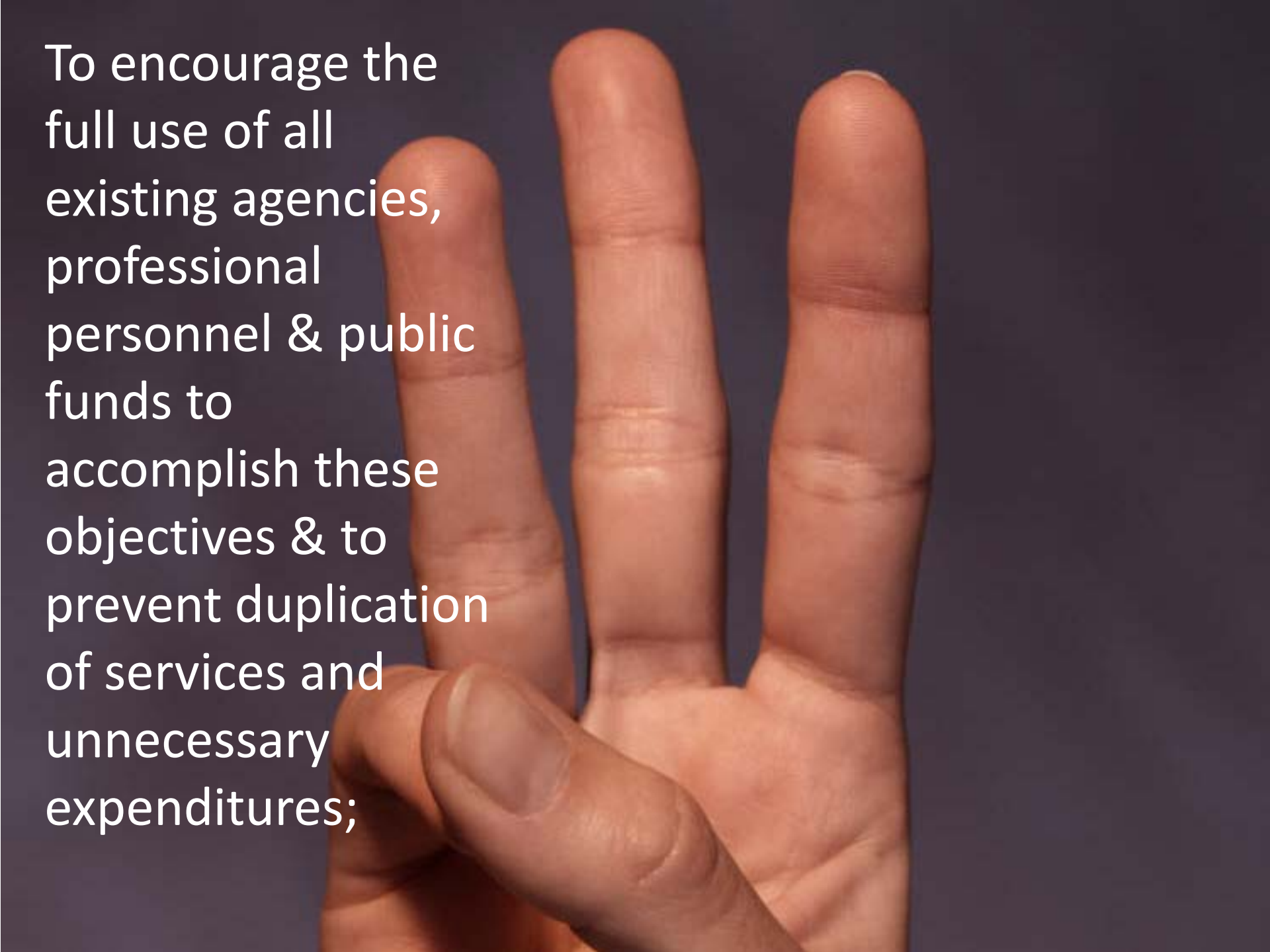
To **safeguard individual rights** through judicial review;



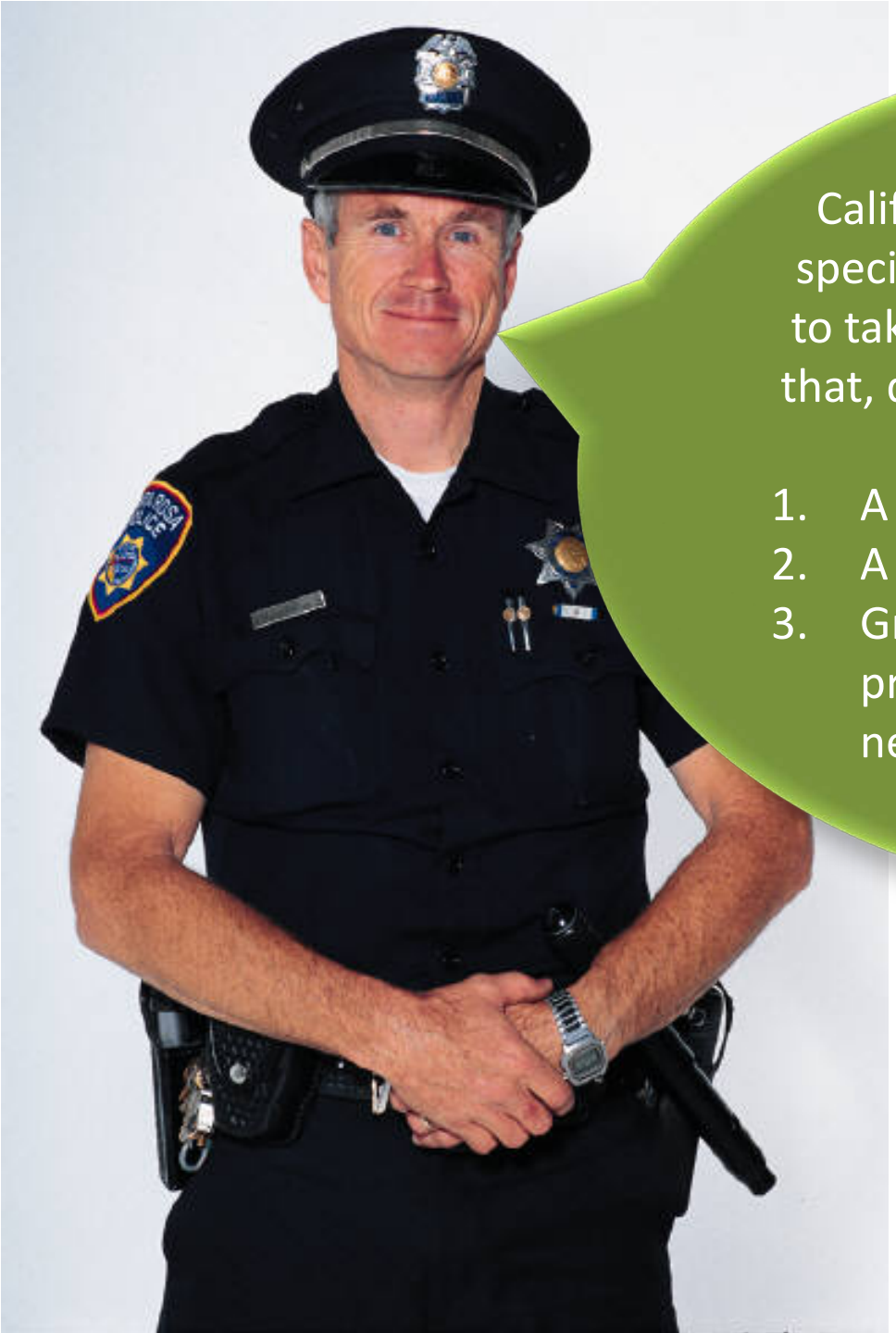
To provide individualized treatment, supervision, & placement services by a conservatorship program for gravely disabled persons;


To encourage the full use of all existing agencies, professional personnel & public funds to accomplish these objectives & to prevent duplication of services and unnecessary expenditures;

To protect mentally disordered persons & developmentally disabled persons from criminal acts.

Translation:

- Welfare and Institutions code that refers to a legally sanctioned 72-hour involuntary psychiatric hold.
- Placed by authorized persons to assess and obtain involuntary treatment.
- For an adult person who is suspected to be a “danger to him/herself”, “danger to others”, or “gravely disabled” due to a mental disorder
  - For minors, the correct code is “5585”

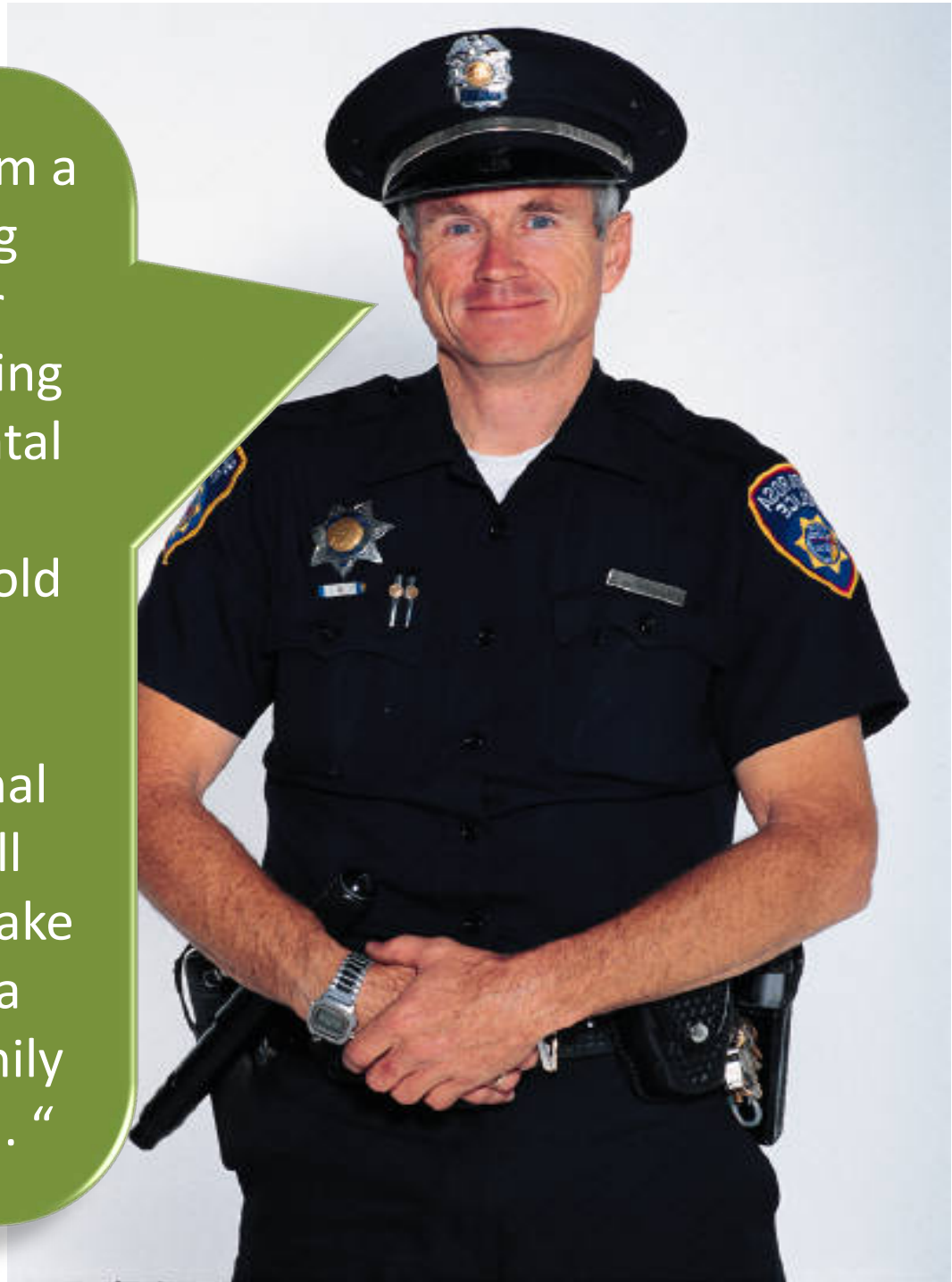


California law allows police (& other specifically designated professionals*) to take you into custody if they believe that, due to a mental disorder, you are :

1. A danger to yourself
2. A danger to someone else
3. Gravely disabled – unable to provide for your basic personal needs of food, clothing or shelter.

*Updated Shasta County BoS resolution dated 6/20/12 (10 professions). Authority ends if employment in designated role ends. Requires **annual** training.

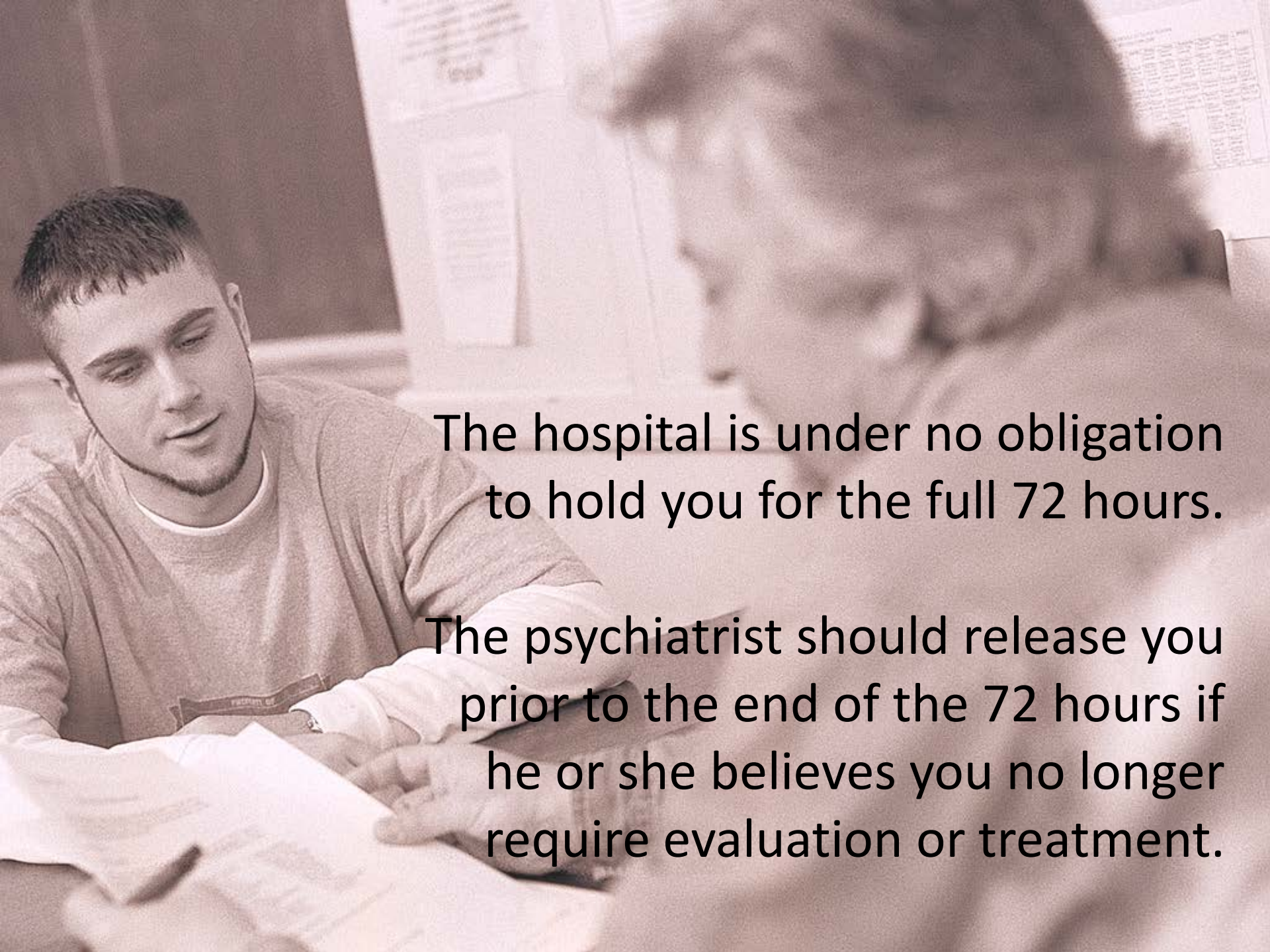
"My name is John Smith. I am a peace officer with Redding Police. You are not under criminal arrest, but I am taking you for examination by mental health professionals at _____. You will be told your rights by the mental health staff.
You may bring a few personal items with you, which I will have to approve. You can make a phone call and/or leave a note to tell your friends/family where you have been taken. "



“My name is Gale Nightin . My position here is psychiatrist. You are being placed into the psychiatric unit because it is our professional opinion that, as a result of mental disorder, you are likely to: (check applicable) harm yourself, harm someone else, be unable to take care of your own food, clothing, and housing needs. We feel this is true because_____. You will be held on the ward for a period up to 72 hours. This does not include weekends or holidays. Your 72 hour period will begin____.

"During these 72 hours you will be evaluated by the hospital staff, and you may be given treatment, including medications.

It is possible for you to be released before the end of the 72 hours. But if the staff decides you need continued treatment you can be held for a longer period of time. If you are held longer than 72 hours you have the right to a lawyer and a qualified interpreter and a hearing before a judge. If you are unable to pay for the lawyer, then one will be provided free."



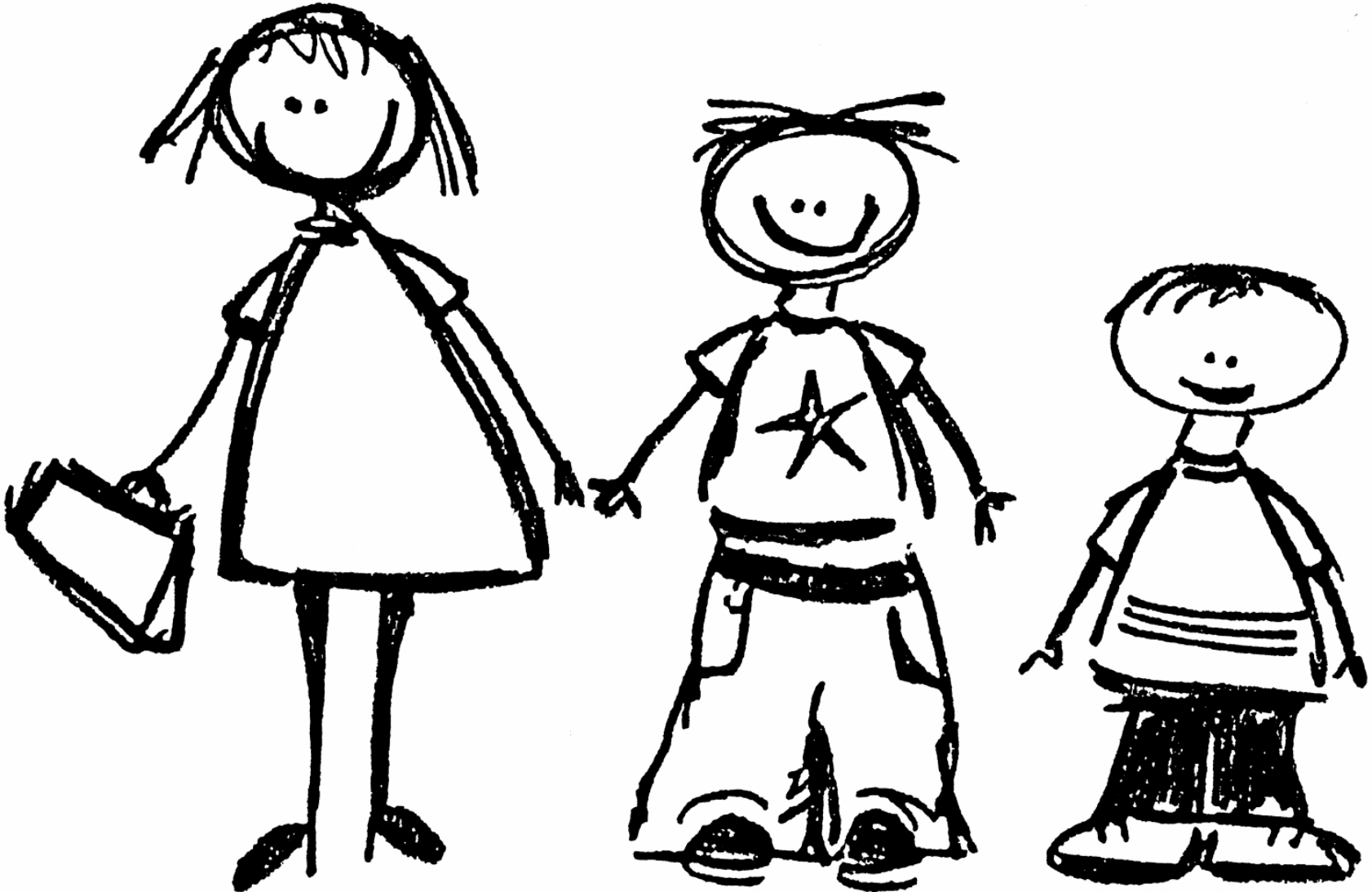
The hospital is under no obligation to hold you for the full 72 hours.

The psychiatrist should release you prior to the end of the 72 hours if he or she believes you no longer require evaluation or treatment.

By the end of 72 hours one of 3 things will happen:

1) You will be released.
2) You will have signed in as a voluntary patient.
3) You will be put on a 14 day involuntary hold ("certification for intensive treatment").

5585: Children's Civil Commitment and Mental Health Treatment Act of 1988



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