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RESOLUTION IN SOLIDARITY WITH STRIKING HOTEL WORKERS

WHEREAS, immigrant hotel workers are essential to the state's hospitality industry, caring for guests, cleaning rooms, preparing meals, and keeping our hotels running every day, often through physically demanding work that too often goes unseen; and,

WHEREAS, at a time when immigrant communities are facing increasing attacks and fear fueled by federal immigration enforcement, Washington State must continue to stand firmly alongside our immigrant neighbors and affirm that every worker deserves dignity, safety, and the freedom to advocate for themselves and their families; and,

WHEREAS, no worker should have to choose between paying rent, caring for their family, or standing up for basic fairness at work, and no successful business is built without the people whose labor makes that success possible; and,

WHEREAS, workers at Embassy Suites in Seattle have been on strike since June 18, 2026, making tremendous personal sacrifices in pursuit of year-round healthcare coverage, protections from ICE, fair raises, and a return to pre-pandemic staffing levels; and,

WHEREAS, this strike is Seattle's longest hotel strike to date; and,

WHEREAS, UNITE HERE Local 8 thanks the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO (WSLC) for leading the passage of unemployment benefits for striking workers at the state legislature and providing in person assistance to strikers applying for such benefits; and,

WHEREAS, UNITE HERE Local 8 thanks the wider community for picketing and taking action in solidarity with strikers; now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, the WSLC and its affiliates continue to stand in solidarity with Seattle Embassy Suites hotel workers until they win a fair contract.

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