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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AMERICAN MANUFACTURING

WHEREAS, the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO (WSLC) affirms the importance of American manufacturing and its critical role in the U.S. economy and supports using public procurement funds to purchase materials, goods, and services produced in the United States, thereby employing the workers whose taxes support our economy; and,

WHEREAS, the American people desperately need our economy to create millions of new, family sustaining jobs, if our nation is to fulfill its promise of economic opportunity and social justice for all; and,

WHEREAS, manufacturing is the backbone of the real wealth generating sector of our economy, spurring job creation and innovation; and,

WHEREAS, manufacturing industrial sectors are at risk of sliding back into recession due to an alarming surge of unfairly priced imports from China and other nations; and,

WHEREAS, the United States trade deficit with China in 2024 was \$295.4 billion; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis the United States goods and services trade deficit reached \$918.4 billion in 2024; and,

WHEREAS, manufacturing lost 87,000 jobs nationwide in 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the recirculating of tax dollars back into our economy through domestic procurement, creates and sustains domestic jobs and strengthens our economy; and,

WHEREAS, domestic procurement preferences, like those in current federal law, are consistent with our international trade obligations and the major trading partners of the United States maintain strong domestic procurement laws for their own manufacturing sectors and to spur economic growth and job creation, especially in difficult economic times; and,

WHEREAS, domestic procurement laws have not been enacted in every state and vary greatly in their levels of effectiveness; and,

WHEREAS, our taxpayer dollars should be spent to maximize the creation of American jobs and restoring the economic vitality of our communities; and,

WHEREAS, any domestically produced products that are purchased with economic recovery plan monies will immediately help struggling American families and will help stabilize our greater economy; now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, the WSLC will work to maximize the creation of American jobs and restoring economic growth and opportunity by supporting the spending of taxpayer funds on products and services that both create jobs and help keep Americans employed; and be it further,

RESOLVED, the WSLC will seek to have our public officials commit to purchasing only products and services that are made or performed in the United States of America whenever and wherever possible with any funds provided by the American taxpayers; and be it finally,

RESOLVED, the WSLC will seek to have our public officials commit to publish any requests to waive these procurement priorities, so as to give American workers and producers the opportunity to identify and provide the American products and services that will maximize the success of our nation's economy.