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RESOLUTION PROTECTING THE RULE OF LAW AND DUE PROCESS

WHEREAS, the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO (WSLC) is committed to advancing economic justice for all working people no matter their occupation; and,

WHEREAS, the WSLC acknowledges economic justice cannot be achieved without social and racial justice underwritten by the rule of law; and,

WHEREAS, the key elements of the rule of law of upholding the Constitution, judicial independence and respect for court orders are fundamental; and,

WHEREAS, these rights and laws foundational to creating rule of law were won by workers through resistance, organizing, and action; and,

WHEREAS, our siblings in Minneapolis and elsewhere have been engaged in a struggle for justice against ICE and to restore the rule of law; and,

WHEREAS, unions and the rule of law are intertwined through legislation like the National Labor Relations Act, which protects workers' rights to organize, establishes duties for unions, and ensures fair representation; and,

WHEREAS, the rule of law provides the framework for preventing coercion, defining boundaries for employer and union conduct, and balancing union power; and,

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration has eliminated or defunded Federal agencies and institutions created to serve and protect the people; and,

WHEREAS, the threats from Federal Law enforcement, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and any other relevant rogue agents abusing their power are real and dangerous for workers, their families, and their communities; and,

WHEREAS, the use of deadly force and the weaponization of the law by Federal, State, Local, and rogue agents, against the people demands accountability; and,

WHEREAS, power unchecked does not correct itself; it requires resistance; and,

WHEREAS, the WSLC rejects all efforts to deny individuals their rights and due process; now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that, the WSLC calls for an immediate and complete ICE withdrawal from our communities, for Congressional action to hold ICE accountable to the law, and action to prevent further harm to working families; and be it further,

RESOLVED, the WSLC will stand in solidarity with organizations, institutions, community groups, union siblings and unapologetic leaders who defend the rights of all members; and be it further,

RESOLVED, the WSLC calls for the defunding and total abolition of ICE and a shift to humane immigration enforcement practices under preexisting federal agencies; and be it finally,

RESOLVED, that the WSLC will forward this resolution to AFL-CIO to register support for national advocacy efforts to this end.

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