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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A UNIVERSAL PUBLIC POSTAL SERVICE

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service (USPS) provides universal service to every community in America and remains one of the nation's largest civilian employers; and,

WHEREAS, postal workers provide an essential public service relied upon by working families, seniors, veterans, rural communities, small businesses, and millions of Americans every day; and,

WHEREAS, recent USPS financial challenges, including the suspension of employer contributions to the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS), demonstrate the urgent need for long-term solutions that strengthen the Postal Service rather than impose continued austerity measures; and,

WHEREAS, the USPS cannot cut its way to sustainability and must be allowed to pursue revenue generating opportunities while preserving universal service and good union jobs; and,

WHEREAS, USPS remains restricted from competing in markets available to private carriers such as UPS and FedEx, including the shipment of alcoholic beverages; and,

WHEREAS, efforts to privatize the Postal Service threaten universal service, collective bargaining rights, affordable delivery, and family-supporting union jobs; and,

WHEREAS, postal employees deserve safe workplaces, fair retirement benefits, and timely access to workers' compensation and medical care when injured on the job; now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO (WSLC) supports the following federal legislation and resolutions affecting postal employees and the USPS the Protect Our Letter Carriers Act (H.R. 1065/S. 463), H.Res. 70 and S.Res. 147 opposing postal privatization, the Federal Retirement Fairness Act (H.R. 1522), the Improving Access to Workers' Compensation for Injured Federal Workers Act (H.R. 3170), the Equal COLA Act (H.R. 491/S. 624), and the USPS Shipping Equity Act (H.R. 3011); and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the WSLC recognizes that these measures promote worker safety, retirement security, fair access to workers' compensation benefits, preservation of universal postal service, and the long-term financial stability of the USPS; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the WSLC opposes any effort to privatize, weaken, or diminish the USPS and instead supports policies that strengthen universal service, expand revenue opportunities,

protect postal employees, and preserve the USPS as a public institution accountable to the American people; and be it finally,

RESOLVED, that the WSLC will advocate for the enactment of these measures and will communicate the labor movement's support for them to Washington State's Federal Delegation.

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