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## Resolution in Support of Reproductive Rights and Against the Right Wing

Whereas, a woman's control over her own body is a prerequisite to her rights as a worker; and

Whereas, reproductive rights are a crucial issue for women of every color, age, background, sexuality and immigrant status; and

Whereas, the struggle for reproductive justice includes access to free, safe, legal abortion on demand; universal healthcare; paid maternity leave; and the right to return to the same job with no loss of benefits or seniority, and affordable, quality childcare; and

Whereas, the rights of working people are under attack by the religious and conservative right wing and our strength as a working people is based on unite defense of unionism, feminism, antiracism, immigrant rights, and LGBT rights; and

Whereas, the recent cuts to education, health, and jobs have affected workers' health and the recent attempt at national healthcare plan reform has further restricted women's access to abortion with the passage of the Stupak-Pitts amendment; and

Whereas, the opportunity to build and strengthen the coalition of labor, community and women's organizations continues with the organizing against the right wing and anti-abortion rights groups who have announced a sixth annual "Walk for Life—West Coast" in San Francisco on January 23, 2010, the anniversary of the 37<sup>th</sup> passage of *Roe v. Wade*; and

Whereas, in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 efforts to bring together local and national community groups and activists to organize reproductive rights counter demonstrations to the "Walk for Life" were endorsed by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, the San Francisco Labor Council, UAW 2103, UPTE-CWA 9119, Labor Committee for Peace & Justice, ACCESS, East Bay NOW, California Coalition for Women Prisoners, Radical Women, Code Pink, Women of Color Resource Center, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the National Center for Lesbian Rights, and many more; and

Whereas, the struggle for reproductive justice and against the right wing is in the interest of all oppressed people,

Therefore be it Resolved, that the San Francisco Labor Council endorses the call for a united, grassroots, peaceful demonstration along the "Walk for Life" march route in defense of reproductive rights and women's health on January 23, 2010, preceded by a rally and health fair at the Music Concourse near Justin Herman Plaza at San Francisco's Embarcadero at 10:00 AM entitled "Stop the War on Women! – Day of Action and Reproductive Justice"; and

Be it Finally Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council publicizes this event and encourages its constituents to participate in the organizing and help build a strong labor presence at the prochoice counter-demonstration.

Submitted by Nellie Wong, UPTE CWA 9119, and adopted by the San Francisco Labor Council on January 11, 2010.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim Paulson", with a long horizontal line extending to the left and a flourish extending to the right.

Tim Paulson  
Executive Director

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