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Resolution in Support of May Day International Workers Day Regional March

Whereas, May 1 is International Workers Day, a holiday originated in response to the Haymarket massacre of 1886 in Chicago, where workers were fighting for the 8 hour day. International Workers Day is officially recognized as a holiday in over 80 countries, not including the United States; and

Whereas, on May 1 2006 the immigrant rights movement declared the Great American Boycott or *El Gran Paro Estadounidense*, a one-day boycott of schools and businesses, and hundreds of thousands of immigrants, workers and students walked out across the country, as part of May Day observances; and

Whereas, May 1 has taken on new life and meaning in the U.S. since 2006, for labor unions, immigrant communities, and many people's organizations; and

Whereas, a broad-based Bay Area May Day Coalition [with San Francisco May Day organizers joining forces with their East Bay counterparts] has called for a combined Regional March and rallies in Oakland, with the general theme "Dignity and Resistance."

Therefore be it Resolved, that the San Francisco Labor Council endorse and urge participation in the May 1, 2012 Regional March in Oakland for worker and immigrant rights.

Submitted by David Welch, NALC 214, and adopted unanimously by the San Francisco Labor Council on March 12, 2012.

Respectfully,

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