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Resolution for a Call to Action on the Inauguration of President Donald Trump

WHEREAS, the election of Donald Trump as President of the United States has sparked fear and anger in our community, especially among those most marginalized, including immigrants, Muslims, people of color, women, the disabled, and LGBTQ populations; and

WHEREAS, the President Elect has publicly supported and endorsed anti-union policy including federal Right to Work laws and is considering appointing to his cabinet people with a track record of promoting such policies; and

WHEREAS, newly appointed Supreme Court Justices will swing the court to be more consistently anti-union; and

WHEREAS, the privatization of Social Security and Medicare is likely to be pushed early in the Trump administration; and

WHEREAS, the diverse membership of the working class and of our unions includes populations that candidate Trump threatened with bigoted policies and hateful rhetoric; and

WHEREAS, that hateful rhetoric has already been seen in the form of an increase of hate crimes and violence against marginalized communities which overlap with our membership; and

WHEREAS, it is the obligation of organized labor to defend our members from attacks and promote an elevated and equal quality of life for all workers; and

WHEREAS, spontaneous demonstrations have erupted across the country immediately following the election of Donald Trump. Many organizations of students, labor, women, and various communities are continuing to plan massive protests including on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and culminating in action on the day of the inauguration of Donald Trump, January 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the day on which we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr who fought against racism and bigotry and championed the issues of the working class is just four days before the inauguration of Donald Trump; and

WHEREAS, the power of organized labor is not reliant upon the occupant of any government office up to and including the office of President of the United States; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the S.F. Labor Council endorses and encourages all members to participate in the nationwide actions beginning with those honoring and



continuing the struggle of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr on his day, Monday, January 16 and culminating in a national day of action and a reassertion of the power of organized labor on Friday, January 20, the day of the Inauguration of President Donald Trump; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SFLC encourages each of its affiliates to use the day of action on Friday, January 20 to display our power, unity and solidarity by planning an action around an existing labor dispute and inviting all of its members to participate; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we urge all affiliates to pass similar resolutions.

Submitted by Dave Welsh, Delegate, NALC 214, and adopted by the Executive Committee of the San Francisco Labor Council on January 3, 2017.

Respectfully,

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

Tim Paulson
Executive Director