Resolution in Support of May Day 2019 International Solidarity for Workers Rights and Immigrant Rights

Whereas, May Day International Workers Day began in the U.S., with the May 1, 1886 National Strike for the 8-hour day and from the worldwide solidarity in defense of 8 martyrs charged in the May 1886 Haymarket incident, International Workers Day is officially recognized as a holiday of international workers solidarity in over 80 countries yet has been suppressed as a holiday in the United States; and

Whereas, on May 1, 2006 at the initiative of the immigrant rights movement, hundreds of thousands of workers and students, in the largest International Workers Day demonstrations in the United States in more than a half century, walked off jobs, out of schools and closed businesses nationwide in the Great American Boycott or El Gran Paro Estadounidense; and

Whereas, on May 1, 2008 the International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) shut down all West Coast ports, to commemorate International Workers Day with a “No Peace-No Work Holiday” and demand “an immediate end to the war and occupation in Iraq and Afghanistan and the withdrawal of U.S. troops from the Middle East”; and

Whereas, for International Workers Day 2019 a coalition started by ILWU Local 10 is organizing a Rally/March beginning at 11am at Howard Terminal, 1 Market St. in Oakland, demanding in part Jobs not Gentrification and Maintain Howard Terminal as a Maritime Facility, with Oakland being the fifth busiest port in the U.S and described as the economic engine of the northern California region; and

Whereas, a coalition initiated by Oakland Sin Fronteras is holding a May Day Rally/March starting at 3pm at Oscar Grant (Frank Ogawa) Plaza demanding, in part, No Borders, No Deportations – No Family Separation; and

Whereas, the San Francisco Labor Council has a longstanding position in support of May Day International Workers Day,

Therefore be it Resolved, that the San Francisco Labor Council will mobilize its affiliates for and endorse the coordinated May Day 2019 ILWU Rally/March and the Oakland Sin Fronteras Rally/March on May 1, 2019.

Adopted unanimously by the San Francisco Labor Council on April 8, 2019.

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