RESOLUTION 2016-03

Promote and Participate in the May 1, 2016, March and Rally for Immigrant and Workers' Rights

WHEREAS: ten years ago marked the first major immigrant rights march led by El Comité on March 18, 2006, followed by a National Day of Action on April 10th with over 50,000 marching in downtown Seattle; and

WHEREAS: May 1st is internationally recognized as a day for celebration of workers, the labor movement, and commemorating the Haymarket Affair of May 4, 1886, during which police attacked a public rally in support of the eight hour movement (eight hour workday, eight hours of rest, eight hours for leisure); and

WHEREAS: the Martin Luther King County Labor Council has voted to mobilize at least half of its constituency to turn out for May 1, 2016; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: that AFT Washington and its Human Rights committee educate its members on the significance of May 1st and the meaning of the 2016 mobilization; and, be it further

RESOLVED: that AFT Washington and its Human Rights committee encourage its members to participate in the May 1st march and rally; and, be it further

RESOLVED: that AFT Washington and its Human Rights committee adopt a unifying slogan for our members so that our mobilization contingent will be visible in our solidarity; and, be it finally

RESOLVED: that AFT Washington and its Human Rights committee produce placards and/or other visible signs of our support for and participation in the May 1, 2016, mobilization.

Adopted in a meeting by the AFT Washington Executive Board, Local 8045, on March 5, 2016.