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1 RESOLUTION ON IMMIGRATION REFORM

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3 **WHEREAS:** nearly one quarter of the population in the USA is foreign born or the child of someone who is
4 foreign born, and

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6 **WHEREAS:** the current immigration system is plagued by backlogs and delays with hundreds of thousands
7 of applications on pending and backlogged, and

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9 **WHEREAS:** the undeniable fact is that there is a vast and growing underground economy in our country,
10 comprising vulnerable, and often exploited immigrant workers, and

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12 **WHEREAS:** political expediency has resulted in the passage of immigration laws that are often short-sighted
13 and harsh, unduly targeting immigrants and often leading to racial profiling

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15 **WHEREAS:** AFT Washington members regularly serve and support immigrant students, and therefore have a
16 professional interest in the passage of immigration reform legislation, and

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18 **WHEREAS:** AFT Washington, as a labor union, is an organization committed to working to forge ties of
19 solidarity across boundaries and to working for a more just society, therefore be it

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21 **RESOLVED:** that AFT Washington supports federal comprehensive immigration reform – consisting of
22 provisions that

- 23 ▫ Enhance national security and safety with a sensible enforcement policy
- 24 ▫ Protect fundamental rights for all
- 25 ▫ Create a rational and humane approach to the undocumented population
- 26 ▫ Keep families together in the USA and reduce backlogs
- 27 ▫ Ensure future worker flows with full rights and protections
- 28 ▫ Allocate sufficient visas to close unlawful migration channels
- 29 ▫ Promote immigrant integration

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31 and be it further

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33 **RESOLVED:** that AFT Washington urges its affiliated locals and its members to contact their members of
34 congress to ask them to support such reform, and be it finally

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36 **RESOLVED:** that AFT Washington urges our international, AFT, also to support comprehensive immigration
37 reform consisting of the same provisions outlined above.

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39 Presented to convention by the AFT Washington Human Rights Committee

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