

Reclaiming Worker Power Energizing Our Movement

WASHINGTON STATE LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING UAW'S CALL TO ALIGN CONTRACT EXPIRATIONS RESOLUTION #2024.15

WHEREAS, big business and their political allies have waged a war on workers; and

WHEREAS, the war on workers has led to deteriorating conditions and spiraling income inequality for working families; and

WHEREAS, union workers are fighting back, taking strike action to secure fair contracts for themselves and their communities; and

WHEREAS, working Americans have turned to unions to fight for economic justice and a voice on the job, with 67% of Americans approving of labor unions; and

WHEREAS, organized labor must find creative ways to maximize our economic power and fight against corporate greed; and

WHEREAS, the United Auto Workers, led by President Shawn Fain, have called for unions to align contract expirations for May 1, or "International Workers' Day," with the aim of a mass strike on May 1, 2028; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO (WSLC) echoes President Fain's call for aligning contract expirations for May 1, and prepares for potential mass strike action on May 1, 2028; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the WSLC encourages unions to consider aligning contract expirations for May 1, 2028, or other dates as locally determined; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the WSLC commits to unwaveringly supporting affiliates and the broader labor movement in bargaining fair contracts, and in anticipated or active labor disputes.