

***Resolution passed by acclamation  
United Staff Union Delegates Assembly  
(AFSCME International Staff Union)  
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## **Union Worker Cooperative Resolution**

**WHEREAS** the historic ties between the Labor movement and the Worker Cooperative movement are great and varied; and

**WHEREAS** the modern labor movement has treated the Union Worker Cooperatives movement as just another business model; and

**WHEREAS** the Union Worker Cooperatives movement and the Labor movement both strive for greater, participatory workplace democracy; and

**WHEREAS** the labor movement needs to diversify and become more inclusive in order to grow; and

**WHEREAS** the economic, social, and environmental challenges our county faces may require us to organize new types of hybridized businesses including Union Worker Cooperatives; and

**WHEREAS** The labor movement needs to help workers take back ownership of our economy and take back agency for job creation; and

**WHEREAS** models where Union Worker Cooperatives are members of unions are beneficial to both Union Worker Cooperatives and Labor unions; and

**WHEREAS** Union Worker Cooperative business model is one of potentially many that are consistent with the goals of the working class;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we join forces with Union Worker Cooperatives in our perspective employment fields to replace those existing corporate business models that do not serve the best interests of our members; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we do not invest exclusively in corporate businesses, but instead give priority to investing in Union Worker Cooperatives businesses; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we build coalitions with Union Worker Cooperatives focusing on mutually beneficial political, social, and environmental causes.