*Resolution passed by acclamation at United Staff Union Delegates Assembly in Portland, OR, 8/12/17.*

**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.