

UE local 150, NC Public Service Workers Union Resolution

TO SUPPORT PETITION ON EMPLOYERS TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST UNWARRANTED PLICE KILLINGS OF BLACK AND BROWN WORKERS OF COLOR

WHEREAS, the continuous onslaught of state sanctioned killings of Black and Brown unarmed women, men and children has reached crisis levels; and

WHEREAS, Black communities of color and others across the United States are outraged by these killings and have responded with organized resistance and spontaneous rebellions; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the most organized sector of the working class “organized labor” acknowledge that these killings are a working class issue and must organize a fight back against these killings that the local, state and federal agencies are ignoring; and

WHEREAS, Black and Brown workers make up part of the collective workforce that is responsible for producing public and human services; making, transporting and warehousing products the consumers buy that generate corporate profits from our labor for the 1%;

WHEREAS, the environment at our work place is negatively affected by the tensions and fears amongst Black and workers of color about their safety as they travel to and from work at all hours and reside in communities that are criminalized by the mainstream media and all forms of institutional racism; and

WHEREAS, workers we must not allow our employers to remain silent about these killings and call on them to speak out against these unending police killings, the militarizing of police departments and the failure of local, state and federal agencies to stop these illegal killings; and

WHEREAS, the attached Petition will help to build a national campaign to draw national and international attention to the corporate driven policies that create high unemployment, attacks on pensions, poorly funded schools, unaffordable healthcare and anti-labor laws to name a few, that devalue the lives and communities of Black and Brown workers and support or are silent about the police killings, and that requires organized labor to broaden our demands and tactics to help empower the struggles of the working-class through the whole of society; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that UE local 150, NC Public Service Workers Union endorse and get workers to sign the Petition calling on Employers to Speak Out Against the Unwarranted Police Killings of Black, Brown and Workers of Color; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that UE150 union members take signed Petitions to their employers, hold press conferences in front of work sights and in union halls; and eventually hold marches and rallies to popularize this demand as part of building the conditions for a Solidarity Day of Action, No Work, No School, No Shopping.

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