

UE Eastern Region

Resolution to Support May Day, International Workers Day Actions

Whereas, May 1 is International Workers Day and since 2006 has been a day of marches for immigrant rights in the United States

Whereas, the labor movement faces unprecedented threats from right-to-work legislation, Supreme Court decisions and budget cuts

Whereas, Immigrant workers are being targeted by the Trump administration and the right wing Congress with racist rhetoric

Whereas, Trump has signed executive orders expanding who is a priority for deportation to include millions of immigrant workers, targeting sanctuary cities and limiting immigration from six Muslim-majority countries

Whereas, Immigrant community organizations and workers centers protesting ICE raids, detentions, deportations and family separations – are organizing for massive day of protest on May Day calling for a “day without an immigrant”,

Whereas, Triangle People’s Assembly in North Carolina including UE local 150, are calling for a mass action, resistance and strikes and are organizing a mass march in Raleigh on May Day 2017, demanding:

- End raids & deportations! Stop all check-points!
- ICE out of NC – Sanctuary cities, schools, neighborhoods!
- End racist police murders and brutality
- \$15/hour, a union and collective bargaining for all workers
- Equal pay for equal work, and paid family leave
- End Islamophobia and travel ban
- End wars abroad! Cut funding for Pentagon and NATO
- Full repeal of House Bill 2 –No to Homophobia and transphobia
- Fully fund a public jobs program, education and all public services!
- End to rape culture & violence against women and LGBTQ people
- Environmental justice!

Whereas, in 2006 the immigrant community and allies massively took to the streets in a May Day “Day of Action” including more than 2,000, 000 nationally, to defeat the unjust Sensenbrenner bill and show the importance of immigrant labor to the economy

Therefore be it resolved, that UE Eastern Region will encourage all local unions and union members to participate in local May Day actions, rallies and marches and participate in upcoming protests of the Trump administration and right wing congress’s attacks on immigrants, workers, healthcare, public schools and unions.

Therefore be it resolved, that UE Eastern Region calls upon all employers in the region, to not retaliate against any employee who participates on May 1st to participate in the action and the Region to draft a letter to employers stating this demand and send it to cities of local actions and employers upon the request of the affiliates.

Resolution submitted by UE local 150, NC Public Service Workers Union