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Resolution to Endorse the Effort to Revive Martin Luther King's Poor People's Campaign

Whereas, a group of religious leaders, including Dr. William Barber II who spearheaded the Moral Monday campaign in North Carolina, are organizing a campaign to revive Dr. Martin Luther King's Poor People's Campaign of 50 years ago; and

Whereas, this campaign will focus on such issues as wages, health care, immigrant rights, gay and transgender rights, criminal justice reform, and clean water and air; and

Whereas, these religious leaders are not only reaching out to churches but also unions; and

Whereas, these leaders want to mount large demonstrations in at least 25 state capitals and other locations and will converge in Washington in June; and

Whereas, this is a non-partisan effort; and

Whereas, this campaign has the potential to create a significant fight-back to the assaults by the rich, which have included tax reform that favors the rich while hurting everyone else, attacks on immigrants, transgender people in the military, Native American rights, health care rights, the environment, student loans, net neutrality, and DACA students, not to mention threatening nuclear war with North Korea, and so on;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council endorse and contribute to the effort to revive Martin Luther King's Poor People's Campaign, and also urge affiliates to allocate resources to building large demonstrations as part of this effort; and

Be It Finally Resolved that this resolution shall be sent to Dr. William Barber of the Poor People's Campaign.

Submitted by Ann Robertson, CFA; Rodger Scott, AFT 2121; Allan Fisher, AFT 2121; Alan Benjamin, OPEIU Local 29; Marcus Holder, ILWU Local 10; Dave Welch, NALC 14, and unanimously adopted by the San Francisco Labor Council on February 12, 2018.

Respectfully,

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