

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MADISON MAY DAY RALLY 2013

Whereas, The Immigrant Worker's Union has spearheaded Madison's May Day celebration in the last few years, taking up the banner of solidarity among the poor, workers, and immigrants, and

Whereas, May First is a very important date, not only for the labor movement, but for the immigrant community who, in 2006, reclaimed May Day with a national "boycott" that mobilized 2 million workers in the largest industrial action in recent history, and

Whereas, the all-out assault on Wisconsin's public sector workers and working families in general is causing the suffering of our families via service cuts to important programs like BadgerCare, FoodShare, Education, and other vital services, and

Whereas, big banks, corporate interests like the Koch Brothers, and the GOP are trying to balance the budget on the backs of Wisconsin's working families while they get massive tax cuts in the name of "job creation," and

Whereas, the corporate media and special interests attempt to divide the working class using as scape goats immigrants, public employees and other groups who are not responsible for the current crisis, and

Whereas, we need to rescue the traditions of the international working class in the struggle to better improve our living conditions, that started very close to Madison, in Chicago back in 1886, and

Whereas, in 2006 the Dane County Board of Supervisors recognized May 1st as International Worker's Day ("el día del trabajo") to recognize their right to work, their right to a living wage, their right to humane and safe working conditions and their right to be protected from abuse, and

Whereas, by the end of 2013 it is estimated that two million immigrant workers will have have been deported under President Obama, at a cost to the taxpayer of \$12,500 each or \$5 billion per year, and

Whereas, the Immigrant Workers Union will sponsor a May Day Rally and March for Wednesday, May 1, 2013 to begin at Brittingham Park (Park St. & W. Washington) at 11:30am with the theme "We Deserve Better" and demands (1) Stop all deportations (2) No to the guestworker program (3) Jobs and Living wages for all and (4) Union Rights, Now!

Be it resolved that WPEC endorses the Madison May Day Rally; and

Be it further resolved that we will help to the success of this rally by promoting the event to members and allies and contributing \$100 to I.W.U. May Day's Fund to cover part of the expenses of the rally.