

## **RESOLUTION #4**

### **RESOLUTION TO AFFILIATE WITH U.S. LABOR AGAINST THE WAR (USLAW)**

Whereas, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have not made us safer and the burden of the wars has fallen on the families of working people but the interests of the working classes are not being served; and

Whereas, for every dollar we pay in federal tax, 37 cents goes to military spending, and is not available to stop the deep cuts in public services and education and growing unemployment; and

Whereas, for the first time in U.S history an ongoing, broad-based labor union coalition of more than 175 labor organizations came together in 2003 under the auspices of U.S. Labor Against the War (USLAW) to actively participate in every phase of the anti-war movement and locally this includes the Wisconsin AFL-CIO, South Central Federation of Labor, IBEW 2304, AFT-Wisconsin, AFSCME 171, 2412, 60 and 1871, and AFT 223, 4999 and the TAA; and

Whereas, U.S. Labor against the War has remained relevant by issuing statements on Iran, Syria, and Ukraine, urging diplomacy and helping to avoid U.S. involvement in more wars, and

Whereas, U.S. Labor Against the War has a mission statement endorsing

\* A just foreign policy that will bring genuine security and prosperity to working people. A policy that supports global economic and social justice rather than the race-to-the-bottom, job-destroying discriminatory practices favored by multinational corporations.

\* Supporting our troops and their families by bringing the troops home now, by not recklessly putting them in harm's way and by providing decent compensation, and veterans' benefits.

\* Protecting workers' rights, civil rights, civil liberties, and the rights of immigrants by promoting democracy, not subverting it.

\* Solidarity with workers and their organizations around the world who are struggling for their own labor and human rights and with those in the US who want US foreign and domestic policies to reflect our nation's highest ideals

Resolved, that WPEC agrees to officially affiliate with U.S. Labor Against the War; and further be it

Resolved, that WPEC will pay \$1 for each member as an annual affiliation fee to fund the work of USLAW to revitalize the labor movement while stopping the wars.

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