

Support Paid Sick Leave

Whereas, enabled by loss of union contracts in the wake of Act 10, state officials are attacking and eroding state and UW employees' paid sick leave, for example at the Department of Health Services (DHS), and

Whereas, nearly 4 in 10 US workers do not have paid sick leave at all for themselves, and millions more do not have sick leave to allow them to care for sick children, and

Whereas, 75% of Americans support paid sick leave, and legislation and local ordinances mandating paid sick leave have been enacted recently in Connecticut, San Francisco, Washington DC, and Portland Oregon, and

Whereas, the voters of Milwaukee voted overwhelmingly to enact paid sick leave but their will was blocked by anti-worker courts, and

Whereas, when Gov. Scott Walker and the Wisconsin legislature trampled on our rights in 2011 by forbidding local ordinances for sick leave, they used an ALEC model bill to do this, undermining democracy and the will of the people, and this poison is spreading to other states now including Florida, and

Whereas, the National Paid Sick Days Coalition is a project of the National Partnership for Women & Families that includes 150 women's, civil rights, health, faith-based, and labor organizations committed to passing a paid sick days standard, therefore be it

Resolved, that (1) WPEC will seek to be listed as a member of the National Paid Sick Days Coalition and (2) WPEC will promote to its members petitions to preserve sick leave at DHS and elsewhere where it is threatened and (3) WPEC will organize other local actions to preserve paid sick leave and to support mandates for paid sick leave for all those workers without it today.