

**Legislative and Political Committee  
Recommendation No. 02**

**Based On  
Resolution**

**Proposed By:           National Executive Board**

**In Support of Vote by Mail**

WHEREAS, voting is a precious constitutional right that often is made unduly difficult, and the U.S. Postal Service provides a modern, secure, efficient vehicle that has proven to increase participation and make voting much more convenient; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon and many other locations have proven that vote by mail expands on existing absentee balloting, eliminates the embarrassing errors of malfunctioning electronic equipment, human error, and untrained poll workers, and also preserves the necessary paper trail to certify elections while increasing participation in the election process; and

WHEREAS, the Postal Service also provides a trusted and trained, professional workforce to handle the ballots, unlike many polling places, and it will have a corollary effect of saving money that normally would be spent by state and local governments on training and paying poll workers, while at the same time providing the Postal Service with additional revenue; and

WHEREAS, in the 112th Congress, bills have been proposed to encourage voting by mail, including H.R. 2084, the Universal Right to Vote by Mail Act of 2011, with regard to federal elections;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NPMHU supports and will work for passage of vote by mail legislation.