

**Legislative and Political Committee
Recommendation No. 10**

**Based On
Resolution**

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United We Stand

WHEREAS, the 2012 election cycle may be the most critical in the history of the American labor movement; and

WHEREAS, there are growing and glaring differences between some of the candidates seeking political office; and

WHEREAS, voting in the upcoming elections is crucial to protecting our jobs, income, retirement, the union movement, and the Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, in Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, and many other states with Republican Governors and legislatures elected in 2010, there is an all-out assault on unions in general and public-sector employees in particular, and such attacks have unjustifiably blamed our union brothers and sisters for financial problems not caused by workers or their unions; and,

WHEREAS, an attack on one of us is an attack on all of us; and,

WHEREAS, the “Citizens United” decision issued by a Republican-appointed Supreme Court majority has given unfettered political clout to corporations and rich individuals to use their wealth to influence elections unfairly; and

WHEREAS, all postal unions must continue to unite and act as one in opposition to those who are unfriendly to labor;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that each Local Union will work with the NPMHU Legislative and Political Department to register our members to vote, setting as a goal a 100% voter registration level; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Local Unions will meet – and work – with State and local AFL-CIO bodies on voter education, voter registration, and voter participation, with particular attention to early and mail-in voting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NPMHU shall take the steps necessary to join with other labor organizations in an effort to educate their voting constituents about those Members of Congress who have attacked the rights and benefits of working Americans and therefore jeopardize the hopes and dreams of millions of working-class citizens.