

**Resolutions Committee
Recommendation No. 4**

**Based On
Resolution**

Proposed By: National Executive Board

Buy Union – Buy American

WHEREAS, the workforce of the United States has been hurt by outsourcing of jobs to other countries, and by American companies that are using foreign operations as a means of holding down wages and benefits for American jobs; and

WHEREAS, the economic hardships of unemployment and underemployment continue, and are adversely affecting the economy as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the economic downturn also is affecting the Postal Service, with mail volume decreasing, bulk mailers sending fewer catalogs or other mailings, and consumers shopping and buying less; and

WHEREAS, there are opportunities to purchase quality Union-made and American-made goods both in person and on-line; and

WHEREAS, purchasing said goods on-line should result in additional volume for the Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, purchasing Union-made and American-made goods will help other American workers keep their jobs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NPMHU fully supports purchasing Union-made and American-made goods; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NPMHU will disseminate this message through various communication channels, such as the NPMHU web site, the Mail Handler Update bulletin, and the Mail Handler magazine; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Mail Handlers nation-wide should spread this message through word of mouth to family and friends.