



# RESOLUTIONS

## LEGISLATIVE AND POLITICAL COMMITTEE

### *Recommendation No. 9*

BASED ON RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY:  
BOB LOSI, LEGISLATIVE & POLITICAL DIRECTOR

### **Saving the USPS**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Postal Service finds itself in a precarious financial position, because of the 2008 recession, the electronic diversion of mail, and Congressionally mandated payments to prefund the Retiree Health Benefit Fund, which have robbed the USPS of more than \$20 billion over the last five years; and

WHEREAS, this dire situation has led some opportunists on Capitol Hill, within the Postal Service, and in the private sector to use these circumstances as a pretext to attack the wages and benefits of postal employees and the collective bargaining process itself; and

WHEREAS, these same forces wish to dismantle the Postal Service's processing and delivery network, cut more than 200,000 career employees, and reduce USPS competitiveness by reducing service standards; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 2309 sponsored by Representative Darrell Issa (R-CA) and his one co-sponsor, Representative Dennis Ross (R-FL), embodies the worst of these insidious plans; and

WHEREAS, a far better alternative is found in H.R. 1351, introduced by Representative Stephen Lynch (D-MA), with the bipartisan support of 229 co-sponsors;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the National Postal Mail Handlers Union will spare no effort to support H.R. 1351, to oppose H.R. 2309 (as currently written), and to combat any other measures—legislative, administrative, or otherwise—that would lead to the demise of the Postal Service.

## LEGISLATIVE AND POLITICAL COMMITTEE

### *Recommendation No. 10*

BASED ON RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY:  
BOB LOSI, LEGISLATIVE & POLITICAL DIRECTOR  
JOHN GIBSON, LOCAL 308

### **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.