

RESOLUTION 6

SUPPORTING U.S. POSTAL WORKERS; STANDING UP AND FIGHTING BACK

WHEREAS, the U.S. Postal Service, our great national treasure, is under attack; and
WHEREAS, mail service to the American people is suffering and a great public institution is threatened with privatization; and

WHEREAS, the Postal Service priorities and goals are opposite to the goals of the American Postal Workers Union (APWU) in its hostility to workers and in its dismissiveness of its obligations to citizens; and

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2015, overnight delivery of first-class mail was virtually eliminated; and

WHEREAS, all mail throughout the country is being delayed, including medicine, online purchases, local newspapers, organizational bulletins, letters, bill payments and invitations; and

WHEREAS, more than 140 mail processing facilities have closed since 2012, and 82 more are scheduled to close in 2015, including Wallingford and Stamford CT; and

WHEREAS, retail work is being sent to Staples, at more than 1,500 stores throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, door delivery is being eliminated in most new housing developments; and

WHEREAS, chronic understaffing frustrates customers and slows the mail; and

WHEREAS, six-day delivery is under constant threat; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 national contract negotiations are critical to the future of postal workers; and

WHEREAS, these negotiations must demonstrate that workers are standing up and fighting back; so

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut AFL-CIO supports the American Postal Workers Union (APWU) in its efforts to protect living-wage jobs and its insistence on the highest possible standards of customer service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CT AFL-CIO opposes efforts to privatize postal operations; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 2015 Connecticut AFL-CIO Constitutional Convention declare that we will join with the APWU to stand up and fight back and help protect a vibrant, public Postal Service for generations to come and will join with them and sign the postcard to Postmaster General Megan Brennan: 'I Stand with Postal Workers.'

Submitted by: **CT State American Postal Workers Union**

Convention Action: **APPROVE** **REJECT**