

RESOLUTION IN RESPONSE TO THE POWELL DOCTRINE

WHEREAS, The moneyed corporate financial institutions in the US have gained control over our media, economy, government, courts and legislatures through the deliberate, careful and quiet execution of the strategic plan laid out in the infamous 1971 "Powell Memo," and

WHEREAS, The Labor Movement has never responded with one voice to this pernicious undermining of our democracy, and

WHEREAS, Organized Labor, as the only institution constituted specifically to preserve and advance democratic principles for all the people, must, for the survival and growth of our society, create, deliver and execute a cohesive, concerted, and long range strategic plan to counter the Powell Doctrine and advance the well-being of American Workers, and

WHEREAS, The AFL-CIO, as the voice of the American labor movement, is the logical vessel to develop and express such a plan, and

WHEREAS, This Western Conference is constituted to express the views of its member Locals and is therefore as good a place as any to initiate the demand for the AFL-CIO to respond coherently to the Powell Doctrine, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Western Conference calls upon the AFL-CIO to develop, deliver and give life to a cohesive plan to counter the Powell Doctrine and the effects that it has wrought upon our society, and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Western Conference urges all delegates to take this Resolution to their Local Union executive boards and membership for endorsement, and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Western Conference urges each member Local to bring this Resolution to its Local and State labor councils for endorsement and favorable recommendation to the national AFL-CIO, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary-Treasurer of the Western Conference forward this resolution to the other US regional conferences of the AFM with a recommendation that they adopt this resolution as their own.