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RESOLUTION: SUPPORT THE POSTAL UNIONS BY OPPOSING PRIVITAZATION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE (USPS)

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service is a national treasure guaranteed to the American people in the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service as well as its predecessor, the United States Post Office, is in the 'public' sector; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service serves over 157 million households and businesses each day providing affordable, universal mail service to all without any taxpayer funding; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service's good union postal jobs have provided financial stability to workers from all walks of life, including racial and ethnic minorities, women and veterans; and

WHEREAS, the good, living wage union postal jobs contribute to vital, healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, **S.RES.99** was introduced into the Senate on March 07, 2019, which expresses the sense of the Senate that Congress should take all appropriate measures to ensure that the United States Postal Service remains an independent establishment of the Federal Government and is not subject to privatization in whole or in part; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service is under undue pressure to outsource and privatize services, including as a direct result of the recent presidential Task Force; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies have shown that privatization would result in higher prices and disparate service for rural as opposed to urban communities; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service is consistently the highest-rated Federal agency in nonpartisan opinion polls, and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service should continue as an essential vibrant **public**, not private sector service; and now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Central Labor Council of Contra Costa County will vigorously support S.Res.99 introduced in the 2019 Congress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Central Labor Council of Contra Costa County will send a letter to California Senator Dianne Feinstein thanking her for being a cosponsor for S.Res.99; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Central Labor Council of Contra Costa County will send a letter to California Senator Kamala Harris thanking her for being a cosponsor for S.Res.99; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Central Labor Council of Contra Costa County will urge the affiliates of the Council to support S.Res.99; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that if adopted, the Central Labor Council of Contra Costa County will notify APWU President, Mark Dimondstein (mdimonstein@apwu.org) and Communications Director, Emily Harris (eharris@apwu.org) of said action.

Submitted by: Susan A. Hammer APWU, East Bay Area Local #47

Passed and Adopted by the Contra Costa AFL-CIO Labor Council's delegate body on May 15, 2019.