

RESOLUTION AS PASSED

Subject: Resolution Re: Climate Change
Submitted by IAM Local 1746

WHEREAS the overwhelming majority of the world's scientists agree that global warming/climate change is a real threat to our planet, our economy, and our way of life; and

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WHEREAS global warming/climate change is unequivocally a labor issue, as working people will undoubtedly bear the brunt and consequences of climate change; and

WHEREAS workers in fossil fuel related industries should not have to bear undue hardship or elimination of their jobs while companies who have amassed record profits simply shift investments without regard to either the environment or workers who have enriched them, and

WHEREAS transition to a renewable energy economy requires equity and fairness that only comes when workers' representatives are included in the planning and execution of the complex long range steps necessary to such a dramatic transition, and

WHEREAS there is an opportunity in this crisis to create and foster a robust green economy that generates millions of Union-represented, North American jobs developing and manufacturing renewable energy technology, installing and maintaining a renewable energy infrastructure, generating clean energy; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAMAW) recognizes climate change as a real threat to our quality of life, our livelihoods and even our lives, and declares that addressing the destructive nature of climate change is a priority for our Union going forward, and let it be

RESOLVED that, the IAMAW will work to create, secure and sustain North American, union jobs in the green energy and climate change mitigation sectors, including jobs associated with the upgrading, replacing, repairing, and maintenance of infrastructure that supports a more energy efficient future, and be it further

RESOLVED that, the IAMAW rejects emphatically the abandonment and disregard of millions of workers currently tied to fossil fuel related occupations, and demands sustaining those jobs unless and until training, income replacement and other resources are provided to prepare and engage those and other workers in an economy with good union jobs that are also good for the environment.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the IAMAW will work with allies in the environmental movement, communities of faith, enlightened business interests, elected officials and other responsible advocates in fighting the destructive advancement of climate change, and working for a sustainable renewable energy economy that benefits all.