SEIU Local 284 Stands in Solidarity with Standing Rock

WHEREAS, the labor movement is founded in the powerful understanding that solidarity with all peoples who struggle for respect, dignity, civic courage, and social justice enhances all lives and sustains the environment we all share, and

WHEREAS, we recognize that there is no economic justice without racial justice, and that we have a duty to stand with cultures that have experienced genocide, loss of place, forced removal, and further extraction of wealth from their communities, and

WHEREAS, the Labor Coalition for Community Action, which includes the A. Phillip Randolph Institute, the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, the Coalition of Labor Union Women, the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, and Pride at Work, rises in solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and its supporters against the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) to protect treaty rights and preserve sacred lands from exploitation by corporations and the U.S. government.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT SEIU Local 284 stands with Standing Rock as they protect their community, their land and their water, and condemns the desecration of ancestral burial grounds and other sacred places of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT SEIU Local 284 encourages our members to take action to support Standing Rock, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT SEIU Local 284 condemns the University of Minnesota’s use of Fredrickson & Byron for legal consulting in anti-union activity, the same law firm defending the Dakota Access LCC company that relocated the Dakota Pipeline.