



Railroad Workers United

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RWU Resolution in Support of International Workers Day May 1st, 2012

WHEREAS, Labor rights have been under a callous and calculated attack by wealthy private interests - in the name of budget solvency and in the face of concessions made by union leaders to profitable corporations as well as federal, state and local governments hamstrung by tax cuts for corporations and the wealthy, and

WHEREAS, The Occupy movement has galvanized public sentiment and created a broad-based movement protesting the massive power wielded by major banks and multinational corporations over the democratic process, and has shed light on the role of Wall Street criminals in creating the economic collapse which has caused the greatest recession in generations, and

WHEREAS, Working union members and the Occupy movement share similar values and have the same goals -
- Occupy has stood with the ILWU long shore workers, CNA nurses, Teamster truckers and SEIU health care workers in solidarity with their individual struggles, and has participated together in joint actions against Goldman Sachs, EGT, and various other corporate entities that have threatened working people, and

WHEREAS, The prominence of the May 1st workers holiday has been revitalized in the US in recent years by the struggle of immigrant workers and the efforts of militant immigrant labor organizers, and

WHEREAS, Occupy groups across the country have called for actions on May First, including Occupy Los Angeles who has called for a General Strike action on May Day to both commemorate the traditional worldwide workers and immigrants' rights day, and to take action against the political interests who have turned the American democratic system against them in an attempt to undermine and destroy workers' rights, and

WHEREAS, Unions, community coalitions, and Occupy assemblies from around the country have agreed to endorse and take part in the declared actions of May 1st,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Railroad Workers United will encourage its members and allies to fully understand and support the efforts and goals of the May 1st Actions planned around the country.

**Adopted by the Railroad Workers United Steering Committee
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