

# 2015 Biennial Convention

# **RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution # 2

## **STOP STAPLES AND CONTINUE A VIBRANT AND PUBLIC POSTAL SERVICE**

**WHEREAS:** The United States Postal Service (USPS) has a no-bid, sweetheart deal with Staples to operate knock-off post offices in 82 stores in four states, staffed with low-wage, non-union, high-turnover employees with little training and no credentials to handle the U.S. Mail, and

**WHEREAS:** The USPS has plans to expand this operation to more than 1,500 Staples across the nation and the Postmaster General has every intention spreading this model to additional mass retailers, and

**WHEREAS:** Our sister postal unions, the NALC, the NPMHU, the NRLCA and National AFL-CIO have joined us in this struggle with strong, ongoing support, and teachers unions around the country have shown solidarity by passing resolutions to support postal workers by boycotting Staples, and

**WHEREAS:** The Postal Service has misled the American public, elected officials, the media and its own workforce on the nature and specifics of this deal, and

**WHEREAS:** APWU members and our sister postal unions and allies within and outside the labor movement will stand up and fight to maintain public services, protecting good-paying jobs, and maintain a universal affordable mail service for the public;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Florida AFL-CIO will continue its efforts to protect the infrastructure and network that comprises the jewel of the United States Postal Service by resisting and fighting back all attempts to privatize it, and to maintain the highest possible standards of service, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Florida AFL-CIO will dedicate its efforts and resources to beat back the USPS-Staples “dirty deal” and all deals like it in order to maintain a vibrant, public postal service.

Respectfully Submitted  
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Adopted 9/26/15 Amended: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rejected \_\_\_\_\_  
Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

