

DPH SCC Resolution 2018-02 , adopted September 22, 2018

**SUPPORTING THE STRIKE BY UNITE HERE LOCAL 5 IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR DECENT WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS**

Whereas, The tourism industry is one of the largest employers of working people in the state of Hawai‘i; and

Whereas, The industry generates billions of dollars in profits, the vast majority of which goes into the pockets of investors who live outside the State; and

Whereas, Tourism, by its very nature, transforms the place that is visited, turning it into a “tourist destination,” driving up rents and other costs for local residents, placing burdens upon public resources like beaches, streets and mountain trails; and

Whereas, There are two major unions representing thousands of Hawai‘i residents in their collective struggle for better wages and working conditions against the hotel owners and management, ILWU Local 142 and UNITE HERE, Local 5; and

Whereas, The members of Local 5 have just voted by 95% to 5% to authorize a strike against six Marriott hotels, five on O‘ahu and one on Maui, rallying under the sensible slogan, “One Job Should Be Enough!,” and

Whereas, The Democratic Party of Hawai‘i works to protect the interests of working families by passing resolutions opposing “right-to-work” and our platform defends the right of all workers to collectively bargain; and

Whereas, The Democratic Party of Hawai‘i believes corporations who wish to do business in Hawai‘i have a responsibility to share the benefits of their business on an equitable basis so that the employees who do the work should have a decent standard of living, and that, “One Job SHOULD Be Enough” to pay one’s bills and support one’s family; now be it

*Resolved*, That the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i calls upon our members to support the members of UNITE HERE Local 5 in their struggle for decent wages and working conditions by not crossing UNITE HERE Local 5’s picket lines; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i issue a press release to all major Hawai‘i media outlets announcing the adoption of this resolution, to show our public support for UNITE HERE Local 5’s strike; and finally be it

*Ordered*, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Office of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, the Mayors and council members of both Honolulu and Maui counties, and members of the Hawai‘i State Legislature that are members of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i.