

**Support for June 2012 USPS Hunger Strike
and Days of Action Against Postal Cuts and Closures**

Whereas, the U.S. Postal Service is a fundamental public service to the people of this country, providing secure and efficient transport and delivery of written communications, goods, and remittances, and

Whereas, the U.S. Postal Service has suffered an unfair and unjust burden imposed on it by a 2006 Act of Congress, which mandates the transfer of \$5.5 billion dollars per year from the postal budget into the federal budget, supposedly to pre-fund employee benefits for the next 75 years, and

Whereas, this burden alone has been the cause of cumulative losses during the combined fiscal years 2007-2010 to the Postal Service, which would otherwise have made a \$600 million profit during that period, and

Whereas, two independent studies by the Office of the Inspector General and the Postal Regulatory Commission show the USPS has overpaid \$60 to \$85 Billion into its pension funds, and

Whereas, the Postmaster General has announced plans to end next-day local delivery for the mailing public on July 1, 2012, to reduce post office hours in rural areas, to reduce delivery days from six to five, to end delivery to mailboxes at customers' doorways, and

Whereas, this plan would result in the closure of 229 out of 461 mail processing plants nationwide, and the loss of many tens of thousands of jobs, and

Whereas, the U.S. Postal Service is the largest employer of women, minorities, immigrants, and veterans, and

Whereas, union locals, community groups, and individuals have endorsed a Hunger Strike of postal workers and customers in Washington, D.C. June 25-28, 2012 and supporting actions in other cities, to oppose the cuts and closures and call for the repeal of the ruinous pre-funding mandate,

Therefore be it resolved that:

- **The Metropolitan Washington Council AFL-CIO hereby expresses its support for postal workers conducting the June hunger strike and its goals of repealing the pre-funding mandate, refunding the pension surplus, and suspending the closures and cuts, and**
- **That the MWC AFL-CIO call on its affiliates to participate in the Thursday, June 28th, 4 – 6pm rally for No Closures! No Cuts! at L'Enfant Plaza, USPS headquarters, and**
- **This resolution be forwarded to the AFL-CIO.**

*Unanimously approved by the Metropolitan Washington Council AFL-CIO Board and delegates
June 18, 2012.*