Support fellow workers in the fight for reproductive justice

Resolution of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 520

Passed by the Austin Central Labor Council, July 2022

WHEREAS, the Declaration of the IBEW Constitution states that our cause is the cause of Human Justice, Human Rights, and Human Security, and

WHEREAS, the IBEW refuses, and will always refuse, to condone or tolerate dictatorship or oppression of any kind, and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of the IBEW insists that we will find and expel from our midst any who might attempt to destroy, by subversion, all that we stand for, and

WHEREAS, the IBEW will continue to oppose fascism and sexism; and

WHEREAS, the IBEW believes that all individuals belonging to the IBEW should be treated fairly and with respect and dignity; and

WHEREAS, the impact of racist behavior and sexist behavior encroach on the very core of what the IBEW stands for and hopes to achieve for all of its members, and

WHEREAS, IBEW Local 520 believes that these very virtues are core values of the labor movement and are deeply and widely felt by our brothers and sisters in the greater Central Texas labor movement; and

WHEREAS, People of Color and Women make up 65% of union members, and

WHEREAS, the Electrical Industry and Organized Labor in general is currently facing a decline in maintaining an experienced workforce, and

WHEREAS, IBEW Local 520 also believes that our brothers and sisters in the Central Texas labor movement are experiencing similar material conditions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the IBEW Local 520 will ask Austin Central Labor Council to support our fellow workers both here and across the country, workers both organized and not, and those that are not in the work force at all in their fight for equality, respect, human rights and security. Most pressingly in their fight for reproductive justice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that IBEW Local 520 will ask Austin Central Labor Council to sign on with the www.reprojusticenow.org website as an action of endorsement. There are dozens of unions and organizations there forming a coalition for reproductive rights.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that IBEW Local 520 will ask Austin Central Labor Council to show support and encourage attendance to the labor and reproductive justice rally taking place on July 31st 2022 at the Federal Courthouse (501 W 5th St STE 1100, Austin, TX 78701), www.facebook.com/events/s/organized-labor-for-reproducti/1202289797273629/

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