

PROPOSED AFT WASHINGTON RESOLUTION 2025-01

1 Our Labor and Our Money is Our Power

2	WHEREAS:	The Trump Administration is attacking workers, including the dedicated	<div><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Adopted</i></div> <div><i>Adopted as amended:</i></div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> By Committee</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> By Convention</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> By Executive Board</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Defeated</i></div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tabled</i></div>
3		federal workforce that provides essential public services such as national	
4		park and forest work, safe air travel, tax processing, and investments and	
5		guidance for public education; and	
6	WHEREAS:	The Trump administration seeks to eliminate efforts to address systemic	
7		oppression and to eliminate inclusive, equitable learning environments	
8		where students of all backgrounds feel welcome, are free from bigotry	
9		and hatred, and are able to thrive within our educational institutions; and	
10	WHEREAS:	The Trump Administration has taken action to undermine the health,	
11		wellbeing, and visibility of the LGBTQ+ community by denying the	
12		existence of sexual and gender diversity, issuing executive orders that	
13		affect everything from healthcare for transgender children and adults to	
14		military service for transgender servicemembers to the use of chosen	
15		names and pronouns, encouraging the states to enact legislation codifying	
16		such bigotry; and	
17	WHEREAS:	President Trump has repeatedly prioritized personal wealth and	
18		dominance over the interests of ordinary, working people in the United	
19		States and around the globe, by giving wealthy individuals explicit,	
20		disproportionate influence in government, and making decisions that	
21		benefit the wealthy and powerful while harming the public; and	
22	WHEREAS:	The extreme influence of corporate money in politics has enabled far-right	
23		agendas to gain traction and undermine democratic institutions making it	
24		harder for working people to secure economic justice and public	
25		accountability; and	
26	WHEREAS:	The Trump Administration claimed that food, gas and other prices would	
27		go down when he took office, but his executive orders and other actions	
28		are creating greater economic insecurity, especially for people who were	
29		already struggling financially and the hundreds of thousands of federal	
30		workers who have been fired; and	
31	WHEREAS:	Throughout the United States, many people live in food and	
32		pharmaceutical deserts, leaving them with limited or no choices in where to shop or what products	
33		to buy; and	
34	WHEREAS:	From the Pullman and steel strikes to the Montgomery bus strikes to Delano grapes, from the anti-	
35		Apartheid movement to organizing at Starbucks and the Tesla Takedown, working people have a long,	
36		proud history of using the power of our work and our money to demand and win change; and	
37	WHEREAS:	Pastor Jamal Bryant of New Birth Missionary Baptist Church, civil rights activists in Minnesota, the	
38		#Latinofreeze movement, “Theonecalledjai” and others have initiated economic resistance actions	
39		and boycotts in 2025, demonstrating a growing grassroots call for economic accountability; and	

40 **WHEREAS:** Many unions, including State Federations, national unions and local affiliates, are aligning the
41 expiration of collective bargaining agreements in 2028, laying the necessary groundwork for a
42 coordinated general strike; and

43 **WHEREAS:** Given the accelerating threats to democracy and justice posed by the federal government we cannot
44 afford to delay action; therefore, be it

45 **RESOLVED:** That the American Federation of Teachers, Washington (AFT Washington) calls on the Washington
46 State Labor Council (WSLC) and its affiliated unions and community organizations to develop a
47 coordinated strategy for an economic blackout against corporations and individual business owners
48 who have:

49 (1) Demonstrated support for Project 2025 and/or the Trump Administration's attacks on
50 democracy;

51 (2) Contributed to President Trump and/or other candidates or elected officials who support an
52 agenda that undermines democracy in any way and violates human rights of all people;

53 (3) Reduced, reversed or never started efforts to increase workforce diversity and inclusion or to
54 create welcoming and equitable environments for employees, customers and others with whom
55 they do business; and be it further

56 **RESOLVED:** That AFT Washington will:

57 (1) Publish a list of targeted corporations, in consultation with affiliates and allied organizations;

58 (2) Publicize unionized businesses and socially responsible businesses in areas, or for products and
59 services, lacking unionized workplaces;

60 (3) Publicize local and national actions, and encourage members to redirect spending toward union-
61 made, local and community supportive businesses; and be it further

62 **RESOLVED:** That AFT Washington will work to build a multi-racial, multi-ethnic, multi-generational, multi-gender
63 alliance rooted in human rights, democracy, and the freedom to thrive; and be it further

64 **RESOLVED:** That AFT Washington will publicize actions organized by labor and community organizations to
65 demonstrate against the agenda of the Trump administration and Project 2025, and for the better
66 world we know is possible; and be it finally

67 **RESOLVED:** That AFT Washington will circulate this resolution among its affiliates, Central Labor Councils, the
68 Washington State Labor Council and AFT affiliates and will urge organized labor at the state and
69 national levels to strategize, plan and implement escalating strategies, up to and including a general
70 strike, that directly challenges the profit motives of corporations who support, directly or indirectly,
71 the erosion of public goods, democracy, and workers' rights.
