RESOLUTION FOR THE INCLUSION OF RETIREE MEMBERS

Whereas the goal of the AFT Connecticut is to create the entitlement of membership as a Retiree throughout the course of a member’s lifetime, to build strength and harness Retiree power by building Retiree density throughout the State of Connecticut; and

Whereas AFT National has generated an initiative of empowerment and outreach to AFT Retirees and their local chapters with suggestions for activism; and

Whereas AFT Connecticut acknowledges that we are stronger as a community with the inclusion of Retirees, who can provide the support needed to create change together; and

Whereas AFT Connecticut Retirees are increasing in both absolute numbers and percentage of the membership of the AFT Connecticut; and

Whereas Retirees seek to maintain ties of professional unity with active/in- service members; and

Whereas Retirees are a valuable resource in helping the parent local to carry out its mission; and

Whereas Retirees are deeply involved in the political arena on local, state, and national levels; and

Whereas Retirees have the historical knowledge and experience to contribute to the parent local; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the AFT Connecticut Executive Board encourages each AFT Connecticut local with an established Retiree chapter to retain a seat on its Executive Board for a member of its Retiree chapter, or if the local does not have an established Retiree chapter, a Retiree from the At-Large Local.

Respectfully Submitted by the AFT Connecticut At-Large Local – 8006R

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