Resolution on Rail Labor Union Leadership Action

Whereas, rail labor has immense power to act in solidarity with, and support of other workers in struggle; and

Whereas, in doing so, railroaders will be remembered and revered for their actions in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in other industries; and

Whereas, when railroaders need the support and solidarity of other workers in the transportation industry and elsewhere, it will surely be more forthcoming if we stand in support of these fellow workers when they are in struggle;

Therefore, be it Resolved that Railroad Workers United demand that our craft union leaders support other workers in struggle; and

Be it Further Resolved that this support take the form of personal appearances on picket lines, at rallies and demonstrations, at union halls and at mass meetings; and
Be it further Resolved that rail labor leadership call on the membership to get involved and support these fellow workers; and

Be it further Resolved that our union leaders make it clear that crossing of any and all picket lines is unacceptable and that members engaging in such activities shall be disciplined to the extent possible by the union, up to and including expulsion; and

Be it Finally Resolved that our union leaders make it clear that any attempt by the carrier to discipline or otherwise interfere with the membership in honoring such a picket line will be met with swift and severe action by the union and that any member disciplined or harassed by a rail carrier will have the full resources of the organization behind them.

This Resolution adopted by the members assembled at the RWU Third Biennial Convention Friday, May 4th, 2012 in Chicago, Illinois