Resolution in Support of Rail Union Unity

WHEREAS, railroad workers and their craft unions have been divided and separated from each other for decades; and

WHEREAS, in the last round of national freight negotiations with the National Carriers Conference Committee (NCCC), Rail Labor split itself into three separate coalitions culminating in a concessionary pattern agreement with weak wage increases and big healthcare out of pocket increases. The pattern agreement drags all freight railroaders backwards economically at a time when Class 1 Railroads are making record profits; and

WHEREAS, our Union can provide leadership and direction - with other like-minded Unions - in building Rail Labor unity and solidarity, rather than fragmentation and division; and

WHEREAS, members of our Local Union have joined in establishing and participating in an all-rail craft coalition in our area with the intent of forming a unified membership leading to a single bargaining coalition representing Rail Labor; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the members of [Enter Union and Local/Lodge here] urge President [Enter name here] and the national leadership of our great Union to advocate among other national leaders of Rail Labor unions to create a single militant bargaining coalition, with legally binding power of attorney, for the upcoming round of collective bargaining negotiations in 2020, with the intent of negotiating a non-concessionary contract where no rail craft union can be left out or behind.