Proposed Resolution No. 8
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## **Buy Union – Buy American**

WHEREAS, the workforce of the United States has been hurt both by outsourcing of jobs to other countries and by American companies that are using foreign operations as a means of holding down wages and benefits for American jobs; and

WHEREAS, the economic hardships of unemployment and underemployment continue, and are adversely affecting the economy as a whole; and

WHEREAS, any downturn in the American economy also affects the U.S. Postal Service, with a decrease in mail volume directly caused by the circulation of fewer commercial mailings; and

WHEREAS, there are unlimited opportunities to purchase quality Union-made and American-made goods, both in person and on-line; and

WHEREAS, purchasing Union-made and American-made goods will result in additional economic growth in the United States and increased mail volume for the Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, purchasing Union-made and American—made goods will help other American workers keep their jobs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NPMHU fully supports purchasing Union-made and American-made goods; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NPMHU will disseminate this message through various communication channels, such as the NPMHU website, the Mail Handler Update bulletin, and the Mail Handler magazine; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Mail Handlers should spread this message through word of mouth to family and friends.