

Proposed Resolution No. 2

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### **Boycott Nabisco Products Made in Mexico**

WHEREAS, the NPMHU must stand united with its brothers and sisters of the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union (BCTGM), in particular its Chicago Local 300, in their fight to save American jobs by boycotting Nabisco products that are made in Mexico; and

WHEREAS, after its workers in Chicago refused to accept \$46 million in annual concessions, something asked of no other bakery, Nabisco sent production to Salinas, Mexico, eliminating hundreds of middle-class jobs in this heavily African-American and Hispanic community; and

WHEREAS, Nabisco, which already has a plant in Monterrey, Mexico supplying the American market, will take even greater advantage of a low-wage workforce in Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Nabisco's decision to send production to Mexico continues a decades-long pattern of closing plants in the United States, Canada, and other industrialized countries, eliminating thousands of jobs, and shifting production to low-wage countries in which workers are vulnerable to exploitation because they have few, if any, environmental, health and safety, or food safety laws to protect workers, citizens and the environment; and

WHEREAS, over the past 20 years, Nabisco has closed plants in Pittsburgh, Houston, Niles and St. Elmo, IL, Buena Park, CA, Philadelphia, and Toronto; and

WHEREAS, plant closures devastate communities and families, as well as state and county tax bases; and

WHEREAS, making matters worse, in the 1990s Nabisco took \$90 million in subsidies from Illinois taxpayers, and now, twenty years later, Nabisco is essentially abandoning that investment by the taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Nabisco's continued corporate policy of closing down plants to take advantage of low-wage workers has been a windfall for its top executives and largest shareholders;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NPMHU shall stand with its brothers and sisters in BCTGM, in particular its Chicago Local 300, in their fight to protect American jobs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NPMHU supports the boycott of all Nabisco products that are made in Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NPMHU urges Nabisco and its parent company Mondelez to return to the United States all production of Nabisco products sold in the United States.