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Resolution in Support of April 28, 2006 Workers Memorial Day Rally in Sacramento

Whereas, the growing crisis within workers' deregulation is harming hundreds of thousands of California workers; and

Whereas, injured workers have been unable to get proper medical care, payments for their housing and their families and some workers have committed suicide; and

Whereas, Workers' Comp was established to protect our rights and not the profit of the insurance companies, yet today these firms are making massive profits by not providing medical care for injured workers and compensation so they can survive; and

Whereas, as a result of the attack on Workers' Comp, workers who are sick or injured on the job are afraid to report this to their employer for fear of being retaliated against and those who do report injuries are having their private medical records used for retaliation; and

Whereas, Cal-OSHA is also under attack with less inspectors and the danger of growing health and safety problems on the job; and

Whereas, every day in California two workers die on the job and this number will grow unless injured and disabled workers along with their families and the entire labor movement stand together now to defend our healthcare and basic rights; and

Whereas, all workers should be entitled to healthcare and the implementation of single payer in California in order to get the insurance companies out of the healthcare industry; and

Whereas, the need to focus on the State Capitol in Sacramento is critical since the deregulation and destruction of Workers' Comp emanated from the decision of the governor and the near unanimous vote of the state legislature for Workers' Comp deregulation bill 899,

Therefore be it Resolved that the San Francisco Labor will endorse, publicize, and support the annual April 28 Workers Memorial Day in Sacramento at 11:00 AM on the West Steps of the State Capitol initiated by the California Coalition for Workers Memorial Day and finally that this Council will forward this resolution for concurrence by all affiliated bodies and all California Labor Councils and the California Labor Federation.

Submitted by David Williams, SEIU 535, and adopted by the San Francisco Labor Council on March 13, 2006.

Respectfully,

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