

RESOLUTION in Support of Saint Paul Federation of Educators Local 28's Participation in the 1/23 ICE Out of MN: A Day of Truth and Freedom

WHEREAS, the labor movement is founded on the principle that an injury to one is an injury to all, and that our strength lies in our unity and solidarity across trades, sectors, and geographic boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Saint Paul Federation of Educators Local 28 alongside workers from other unions, faith, and community groups have called for a statewide pause in daily economic activity: "1/23 ICE Out of MN: A Day of Truth and Freedom"; and

WHEREAS, this statewide pause is a direct response to the murder of community members, and the organizers have put forward clear demands for justice, including: 1) The immediate removal of ICE from Minnesota; 2) Legal accountability for the officer who murdered Renee Good; and 3) No additional federal funding for ICE in the upcoming federal budget; and

WHEREAS, the ICE and Border Patrol officers terrorizing Minnesota communities are part of the same force that, under operations such as "Catahoula Crunch," recently brutalized and spread fear in our own communities before being deployed north, making it clear that we face a common, mobile opponent that targets working-class and immigrant communities wherever it is deployed; and

WHEREAS, Saint Paul Federation of Educators Local 28's participation in this historic action recognizes the human rights and dignity of their students, families, and communities targeted by ICE; and

WHEREAS, the use of public institutions, including schools, to facilitate immigration enforcement breaks the trust essential for education, violates the rights of children and families, and creates a climate of fear that harms the well-being and learning of all students; and

WHEREAS, attacks on immigrant communities are attacks on the entire working class, designed to divide workers, suppress wages, and undermine our collective bargaining power by creating a superexploited class of workers with diminished or no rights; and

WHEREAS, it is the tradition and duty of our union to stand with all workers fighting for justice, safety, and a humane future for themselves and their communities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the United Teachers of New Orleans AFT Local 527 hereby expresses its unequivocal solidarity with the Saint Paul Federation of Educators Local 28 and their allies in their statewide pause for truth and freedom; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our union will publicly support this campaign through our website, social media, and official communications, and encourage our members to:

1. **Amplify This Cause:** Share information about the January 23 action, ICE Out of MN: A Day of Truth and Freedom.
2. **Support Financially:** Encourage our members to contribute to the hardship fund, if one exists.
3. **Honor the Pause Locally:** On January 23, we urge our members, in their personal capacity, to refrain from consumer spending and to participate in local solidarity actions where possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our union calls on the Governor and Legislature of Minnesota and federal representatives to immediately meet the just demands of the education workers, including: the removal of ICE from Minnesota; legal accountability for the murder of Renee Good; and the denial of any additional federal funding for ICE in the upcoming budget; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Secretary of this union shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the leadership of the Saint Paul Federation of Educators Local 28 and to our state and national labor federations, demonstrating our commitment to building a movement that transcends borders and defends the rights of all workers, students, and their families.

Adopted by the general membership of United Teacher of New Orleans, Local 527, AFT, LFT. AFL-CIO, at its meeting on January 15, 2026.