

**Resolution of Letter Carriers Union – Golden Gate Branch #214 – Adopted April 1, 2009**

**\* Support May Day 2009 March and Rally in San Francisco for worker and immigrant rights.**

**\* Support ILWU decision to stop work in Bay Area ports on May 1, 2009 to protest repression of port workers and immigrants by the Department of Homeland Security.**

Whereas, the International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 10 has voted to stop work in Bay Area ports on Friday, May 1, 2009, International Workers Day; and

Whereas, the ILWU action is being called to protest two policies of ongoing repression by the Department of Homeland Security:

\* First, the unfair implementation of Transport Workers Identification Credential (TWIC) cards in seaports, in violation of elementary civil rights and civil liberties, causing hundreds of longshore workers to be unfairly denied work in the ports.

\* Second, the ICE (Immigration & Customs Enforcement) raids in homes and workplaces, which have victimized many thousands of immigrant workers, often resulting in prolonged detention under harsh conditions, and the separation of families including the separation of children from their parents – all in violation of elementary civil rights and civil liberties; and

Whereas, a united May Day march and rally for immigrant and worker rights will take place on Friday, May 1, 2009, gathering at Dolores Park at 12:00 noon, and marching at 2:00 p.m. to the San Francisco Civic Center; therefore be it

Resolved, that Golden Gate Branch 214 of the National Association of Letter Carriers support the May 1 2009 march and rally for immigrant and worker rights and encourage participation by our members; and be it further

Resolved, that NALC Branch 214 support the decision of ILWU Local 10 to Stop Work in all Bay Area ports on Friday May 1, 2009 to protest repression of port workers and immigrants by the Department of Homeland Security; and be it further

Resolved, that NALC Branch 214 support ILWU Local 10 in opposing the unfair implementation of TWIC cards in seaports, resulting in hundreds of longshore workers being denied work in the ports in violation of their civil rights and civil liberties; and be it finally

Resolved, that NALC Branch 214 oppose the ICE raids in homes and workplaces, which have victimized many thousands of immigrant workers, often resulting in prolonged detention under harsh conditions, and the separation of families including the separation of children from their parents – all in violation of elementary civil rights and civil liberties.

**Adopted by NALC #214, meeting in San Francisco, CA, April 1, 2009, by unanimous vote.**