

Resolutions

RESOLUTION #33

Climate Jobs

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WHEREAS, the Illinois State AFL-CIO believes in advancing a pro-worker, pro-climate agenda that supports the careers of working men and women in a clean energy economy; and

WHEREAS, the current climate crisis threatens where we live, work and play which requires immediate action to lower greenhouse gas emissions and rebuild our economy based on clean energy and energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, according to the Respiratory Health Association, African-American children accounted for 63 percent of Chicago's childhood emergency room visits for asthma, a disparity that is due in part to higher exposure to air pollution; this is an example of the disproportionately higher impact of climate change on communities of color in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, current Illinois statute requires a transition to a 100 percent clean energy economy, we must support existing clean nuclear energy and ensure that today's working men and women are fully supported in any energy transition; and

WHEREAS, the clean energy economy must create high wage careers, expand apprenticeships, utilize project labor and labor peace agreements, improve prevailing wage standards, and support the rights of workers to organize in the renewable industries; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Illinois AFL-CIO will support the establishment of a Climate Jobs Illinois coalition that will unite around a shared goal of combating climate change while prioritizing the retention and creation of good union jobs and reversing the income inequality that currently exists in our society; and be it further

RESOLVED, a Climate Jobs Illinois coalition will advocate for a clean energy economy at the scale climate science demands, high wage job creation to combat job insecurity, promote the unionization of its workforce, and support more equitable communities; and be it finally

RESOLVED, all Illinois AFL-CIO affiliates are encouraged to join the Climate Jobs Illinois coalition to ensure the diverse range of perspectives shared by our affiliates is represented and that the coalition is fully funded to provide the research and infrastructure needed to build a long term pro-worker, pro-climate coalition in Illinois.