Resolution #20

CLIMATE CHANGE, CLEAN ENERGY AND UNION JOBS

PRESENTED BY: **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, climate change poses an immediate and long-term threat to all working people, our communities, and our economic security; and

WHEREAS, workers, communities of color, and low-income Californians suffer disproportionately from environmental degradation and climate change through polluted air, water and land and from drought; and

WHEREAS, California's unions have worked for decades to transition union industries to be safer, cleaner, and more sustainable and to also maintain labor standards and union density through this transition; and

WHEREAS, AB 32 and SB 350 must both be implemented to ensure adequate worker protections and the preservation and creation of family-sustaining and safe jobs; and

WHEREAS, there is work to be done by every union to combat climate change, protect and prepare our communities for the impact of climate change, and actively engage in the fight for policy changes that promote sustainability, environmental protection, and good job creation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Council of the California Labor Federation will prioritize climate change policy to ensure that issues of good jobs, union jobs, worker safety, prevailing wages, project labor agreements, where appropriate, are always present in climate change policy-setting and that California Labor's policy agenda addresses climate change and environmental justice issues that impact workers, communities, and unions; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Labor Federation will educate our members and policy makers about the ways union members and workers are impacted by climate change and the importance of ensuring good jobs as we transition our economy; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the California Labor Federation will engage in the passage and implementation of key environmental policies with a focus on ensuring good job creation and environmental sustainability.

Adopted by Delegates