

LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Resolution LWD-19-44

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE NATIONAL BLACK CAUCUS OF STATE LEGISLATORS AND THE LABOR ROUNDTABLE

WHEREAS, the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) has 15 policy committees composed of NBCSL legislators;

WHEREAS, these committees meet to exchange ideas, network, and find solutions to issues facing all Americans;

WHEREAS, the Labor and Workforce Development Policy Committee reviews and addresses issues and practices related to labor and workforce development;

WHEREAS, the Labor Roundtable is composed of international, national, state, and local unions which is comprised of paid dues members, and union staff that exchanges information and advocates for the inclusion of labor rights for all working families; and

WHEREAS, the basic principle of the labor movement has been and will remain that strength is best found in unity.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) has determined that it is in the interest of NBCSL, the Labor Roundtable, and the constituents they both represent, to reestablish the Labor Workforce Roundtable;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NBCSL, through its Labor and Workforce Development Committee, will establish a dialogue with the Labor Roundtable to analyze the impact of labor policies on women, people of color and other disproportionately impacted groups' labor issues will include but are not limited to the following: minimum wage, affirmative action, right to work, workers' rights, wage equality, and family leave;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Labor Roundtable may submit resolutions to the Labor and Workforce Development Policy Committee for consideration at the Annual Legislative Conference;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NBCSL will establish an annual fee for all international, national, state, and local unions who wish to be a part of the committee with tiers for membership and a conference registration fee for members of the Labor Roundtable to attend the NBCSL's Annual Legislative Conference; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the NBCSL send a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, members of Congress, and other federal and state government officials as appropriate.

SPONSOR(S): Senator Ronald Rice (NJ) and Representative Gilda Cobb-Hunter (SC)

Committee of Jurisdiction: Labor and Workforce Development Policy Committee

Certified by Committee Chair(s): Senator Ronald L. Rice (NJ) and Senator Will Smith (MD)

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Ratification is certified by: Representative Gregory W. Porter (IN), President