



# **Railroad Workers United**

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## **RWU Resolution in Support of Longshore Workers**

**Whereas**, union workers organized by the International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) have staffed the grain terminals of the Pacific coast now for 75 years; and

**Whereas**, the wages, benefits, working conditions, and jobs of our Longshore brothers and sisters are under attack at the Port of Longview, WA; and

**Whereas**, these workers are not just fighting for their own jobs, but are waging a gallant struggle to keep all west coast ports unionized; and

**Whereas**, the continued unionization of all transportation workers depends on the strength and health of the various components of transport labor – air, rail, trucking and waterway; and

**Whereas**, by the nature of our jobs, railroad workers in particular are inextricably linked to longshore workers and as such, are in a key position to lend aid and assistance; and

**Whereas**, we live in a time of corporate sponsored attacks on the rights and gains of working people, union and non-union alike; and

**Whereas**, RWU abides by the age-old labor adage that “An injury to one is an injury to all!”

**Therefore, Be it Resolved**, that Railroad Workers United supports the efforts of the Longview longshore workers and their union – ILWU Local #21– to beat back recent anti-union attacks; and

**Be it Further Resolved**, that RWU encourage its members and supporters, together with the rank & file and leadership of all rail labor to actively support – through word and deed – these besieged union brothers and sisters; and

**Be it Finally Resolved**, that RWU urge all railroad union workers – especially train and engine crews – to honor and respect any and all longshore workers’ picket lines; i.e. **DO NOT CROSS THE LINE!**

**Adopted by the RWU Steering Committee September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011**