

## **Resolution Urging Support for Bernie 2016**

On June 13, 2015, the Executive Board of the South Carolina AFL-CIO met and voted to adopt the following resolution:

*Whereas:* The SC AFL-CIO Executive Board is committed to building a broad, effective movement for democratic change, and

*Whereas:* Our goal is a government that carries out the will of the people, not prop up the profits of the 1% at the expense of the rest of us, and

*Whereas:* We firmly believe that Senator Bernie Sanders is the strongest candidate articulating our issues. His commitment to union principles and labor's values is longstanding and heartfelt, and

*Whereas:* As a truly progressive candidate for the Democratic Party nomination, Bernie has the chance to inspire millions of Americans with policy proposals that put the interests of the labor movement, front and center. His campaign will draw attention to what unions and collective bargaining have accomplished for workers and energize our movement, and

*Whereas:* Labor must step up to fundamentally change the direction of American politics, by refocusing on the issues of our time: growing inequality and pervasive racism, the power of concentrated wealth and its corruption of our democracy, an escalating pension and retirement security crisis, runaway military spending and a militarized foreign policy, Medicare for All, and the need for new, bold solutions to our shared problems.

*Therefore be it resolved that:*

We call on the AFL-CIO, union members and working people everywhere to unite behind Bernie Sanders and elect the President America's workers desperately need, and

*Be it further resolved that:*

The South Carolina AFL-CIO Executive Board strongly urges the AFL-CIO to support Bernie Sanders 2016 and his campaign to become the nominee of the Democratic Party for president.

*Adopted on June 13, 2015 and respectfully submitted for consideration to the AFL-CIO by the SC AFL-CIO Executive Board.*