

## **Resolution to Oppose Budget Cuts and Save Jobs**

WHEREAS, the economic crisis in the U.S. has caused huge declines in Legal Services funding nationwide, resulting in layoffs and take-backs from lawyers and legal workers in our union; and

WHEREAS, this crisis was caused by the profit-driven actions of banks and hedge funds; and

WHEREAS, the bankers have received trillions of dollars in bailouts from the government, and have used this money to make hundreds of billions more in profits; and

WHEREAS, meanwhile officially 8,000,000 workers have lost jobs as a result of the crisis, and millions of others who want to work full time have seen their hours cut; and

WHEREAS, 45 states have already implemented budget cuts to essential services such as schools, hospitals, welfare programs, aid to disabled and blind people, etc., many of them disproportionately effecting people of color and immigrants; and

WHEREAS, these cuts are being made by all politicians, both Republican and Democrat; and

WHEREAS, we as legal service workers see ourselves as part of the working class, and see the fight against attacks on these hard-fought gains as a working class struggle;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that our union, the National Organization of Legal Services Workers (NOLSW), United Auto Workers Local 2320 join with our brothers and sisters in other unions in resisting these attacks, and participate in concrete actions to do so; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NOLSW call upon our parent union, the UAW, to join other unions to oppose budget cuts and austerity programs and to demand that state and federal funding be given to those programs that meet the needs of the working class and unemployed.