

## **RESOLUTION NO. 12**

### **VERIZON WIRELESS**

WHEREAS, the two major companies in the wireless communications industry have made starkly different choices about the treatment of their employees. Cingular Wireless, America's largest wireless communications provider, takes the high road of respecting employees and has proclaimed itself "Proud to Be a Union Company". At the other end of the spectrum, Verizon Wireless, the second largest, has taken the low road and established itself as the Wal-Mart of wireless; and

WHEREAS, Cingular Wireless respects the rights of employees to organize and virtually all eligible Cingular employees are union represented; and

WHEREAS, Verizon Wireless ruthlessly tramples on workers' efforts to self organize with threats, firings, captive audience meetings and the closing of work locations with active organizing campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Union members and our allies are proud to support and reward good employers like Cingular with our business and are determined to make sure that employers like Verizon Wireless know that there is a price to pay for anti-worker behavior;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ITPEU-OPEIU Local 4873, AFL-CIO will educate all members, retirees, affiliates, family and friends about the different paths chosen by the two leading providers of wireless service, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the ITPEU-OPEIU Local 4873, AFL-CIO will encourage all with whom we have contact to support the union-represented employees of Cingular Wireless and to communicate to Verizon Wireless our disgust with their anti-union and anti-worker behavior.