

RESOLUTION NO. 4

VOTER REGISTRATION

WHEREAS, voter participation in general elections has been low for many years with far less participation in primary election; and

WHEREAS, the number of voters casting ballots in presidential elections has been as low as 50 percent; and

WHEREAS, often citizens who do not participate in elections generally have the greatest stake in the outcome; and

WHEREAS, democracy is more effective when more citizens participate; and many citizens do not vote because they are not registered; and

WHEREAS, registering citizens to vote gives them a needed voice in the electoral process; and elections can be won or lost by a small margin; and

WHEREAS, the AFL-CIO has initiated a "My Vote, My Right" campaign to educate the public on voting rights;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delegates to this 2006 ITPE Convention commit themselves to initiating voter registration programs in their Local Union and in their community to enable all ITPEU members and citizens to have a voice in the electoral process.