EMERGENCY RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LABOR'S CALL FOR PROTESTS ON DECEMBER 3, 2011, TO SAVE SOCIAL SECURITY AND OTHER WORKERS BENEFITS

WHEREAS it is now clear that the Congress and the Obama Administration intend to make cuts and other changes in Social Security, Medicare, Medicade and many, many other federal and state human services programs; and

WHEREAS a Congressional vote on such changes will likely come on December 23, 2011; and

WHEREAS the rights and benefits of working people in this Nation have already been drastically cut and curtailed; and

WHEREAS already, as the gap between rich and poor widens tens of millions are without jobs, are losing their homes, have no adequate healthcare or funds to provide for a decent retirement; and

WHEREAS the Emergence Labor Network, consisting of mid and upper level trade union officials and organizers, at its meeting of two weeks ago, resolved that what is needed is for the hundred million recipients of Social Security, Medicare and Medicade to rally from coast-to-coast to demonstrate how powerful the opposition to these cuts are; and

WHEREAS the Emergency Labor Network has recognized that such a mobilization of the people is most likely to happen, and happen in large numbers, only if called by the major labor unions and labor leadership in this Nation, working together with their allies; and

WHEREAS the Emergency Labor Network has therefore called upon all supporters of workers' rights to urge the major unions and their allies to organize a massive march on Washington D.C. on Saturday, December 3, 2011, in support of the "No Cuts!" demand; and

WHEREAS the San Francisco Central Labor Council of the AFL-CIO, has already unanimously endorsed the call from the Emergency Labor Network for the December 3rd protest.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD MEETING AT ITS OCTOBER 2011 CONVENTION IN PHILADELPHIA, PA, endorses the idea of our Nation's major trade union organizations, and their allies, calling a massive protest in support of the "No Cuts!" demand on December 3, 2011; and that individual members of the Lawyers Guild, as well as any of its committees or projects who deem it appropriate, do all they can to urge said major trade union organizations and their allies, to support a mass mobilization in Washington DC on December 3, 2011.

IMPLEMENTATION: By the personal initiative of all Lawyers Guild members and committees who are so inclined to do so, and by Jim Lafferty, Executive Director, Los Angeles Chapter/NLG

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