Resolution for Black Lives Matter Week of Action

WHEREAS, the Asociación de Maestros Unidos stands for social and racial justice and human dignity for all of our students and colleagues, and

WHEREAS, our members serve a student community that is 15% African-American, in historically Black neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS, our members work at Locke High School, an educative institution born out of the Watts Riots in the struggle for Black liberation, and

WHEREAS, we recognize the toxic impact on our Black students and their families who disproportionately experience higher rates of police brutality and racial profiling, and

WHEREAS, the educators teaching in communities surrounded by mounting social and racial inequities face these struggles with their students, and

WHEREAS, AMU recognizes and values Black teachers, counselors, classified staff, and administrators, all of whom add value to Black student achievement, and

WHEREAS, we are not blind to the emboldened alt-right and white supremacist factions actively organizing in our nation, and

WHEREAS, we are in a pivotal moment to affirm our values for an equitable and racially just public school system and elevate our voices to support the needs of our students, and

WHEREAS, public school teachers unions in Seattle and Philadelphia have initiated a national call to action to participate in weeklong Educators for Black Lives Matter Week highlighting the BLM’s 13 Guiding Principles, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Asociación de Maestros Unidos will join the national call to participate in Black Lives Matter at School Week to kick off Black History Month the week of February 4th-8th, 2019 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the AMU encourages its members to wear Black Lives Matter shirts, and wear their Black Lives Matter buttons to school that week and teach lessons related to topics such as restorative justice, diversity and globalism, affirming the Black LGBTQ community, celebrating the Black family, Black women empowerment, and Black power.

Adopted this ______ day of _________________________, 2019.

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