

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE – WALTER ALLEN JR.

WHEREAS, Walter Allen Jr. has spent more than three decades as an activist and leader within the labor movement, always working tirelessly on behalf of his OPEIU sisters and brothers; and

WHEREAS, he began his successful career in the labor movement at Local 6 in Boston, where he served for many years as business agent, assistant business manager and business manager; and

WHEREAS, his work at Local 6 earned him the vice presidency of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO and the presidency of the Plymouth/Bristol Central Labor Council; and

WHEREAS, he has served as a vice president on the International Executive Board since 1995; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed to oversee the reorganization of Local 30 in San Diego in 2001, and was later elected to serve as both executive director and chief financial officer of the local; and

WHEREAS, he also serves on the executive council of the Arizona AFL-CIO, on the executive board of the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council and the California State Federation of Labor, and on the executive committee of the Labor-Management Partnership at Kaiser Permanente; and

WHEREAS, his commitment to and support of both Pride at Work (PAW) and the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) have helped make the labor movement more inclusive and better prepared to organize within the increasingly diverse workforce of the modern era; and

WHEREAS, the announcement of his retirement has prompted reflection on the many contributions and expertise he has graciously lent to OPEIU over the

past thirty-four years, including his commitment to organizing and the union's apprentice organizer program; and

WHEREAS, his wisdom and contributions will be missed by OPEIU, its staff and more than 103,000 members, all of whom are grateful for his dedication to OPEIU during his long and storied tenure.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the members, officers and staff of OPEIU wish Walter Allen Jr. a healthy, enjoyable and long retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the delegates to this 28th OPEIU Convention hereby confer on Walter Allen Jr. the title of Vice President Emeritus.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED JUNE 2019