

Resolution: "No to the U.S. Military Intervention and US economic sanctions against Venezuela!"

Whereas, Trump administration officials have openly declared their intention to overthrow the democratically elected government of Venezuela President Nicolas Maduro; and

Whereas, the U.S. has tightened economic sanctions, including the seizure of Venezuela's oil properties in the United States, increasing the hardship on the people of Venezuela; and

Whereas, Venezuela has the largest oil reserves in the world, and leading Trump administration foreign policy officials have made clear their intention to privatize Venezuela's oil and open it to exploitation by the U.S. oil companies if their coup strategy succeeds; and

Whereas, Venezuela responded to a call made by Congressman Joe Kennedy II to all oil companies to donate oil to the US poor and Venezuela's CITGO was the only one that responded to the call and was generous with U.S. working poor and fixed income families of the United States by donating 227 million gallons of free heating oil worth an estimated \$500 million to approximately 153,000 needy households per year (totaling 2 million participants in 25 states) including 252 Native American communities and 245 shelters since 2005 to 2015; and

Whereas, Elliott Abrams has been named Special Envoy to Venezuela and is notorious for his central role in the Iran-Contra scandal and arming the Nicaraguan contras, the Salvadorean death squad government, the genocidal regime in Guatemala responsible for the massacres of hundreds of thousands of indigenous people in that country; and

Whereas, it is still unknown what the cause was of the March 7th electrical blackout that left 22 of 24 of Venezuela's provinces in total darkness for 20 hours, Venezuelan officials believe it was a cyberattack against the electrical, telecommunication and internet systems , the blackout comes amid a growing political crisis in Venezuela as U.S.-backed opposition leaders attempt to topple Maduro's government by undemocratic means, and



Whereas, the San Francisco Labor Council passed a resolution calling for an end to US intervention in Venezuela on February 11, 2019, and

Therefore, UPTC-CWA 9119 call for an immediate end military intervention by the US against Venezuela and we oppose all economic sanctions against Venezuela and we call for concurrence with the resolution by all affiliated bodies including by California AFL-CIO, CWA and National AFL-CIO.

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