

## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DC VOTING RIGHTS MARCH**

**February 25, 2008**

WHEREAS the Metro Washington Council and the AFL-CIO have been on record for many years in support of full voting representation in Congress for residents of the District of Columbia.

To call attention of the Members of Congress to the continuing disenfranchisement of the residents of the nation's capital and to rally local citizens' support for ending the injustice, Mayor Fenty and DC Vote hosted the first annual DC Voting Rights March in 2007 on DC Emancipation Day, April 16. The Metro Washington Council supported the March in 2007, and many local unions and members participated in it.

Mayor Fenty and DC Vote have called the second annual DC Voting Rights March for April 16, 2008. With a bill pending in the U.S. Senate (S. 1257) that would provide a permanent voting Representative in the House of Representatives for D.C., and with only 3 additional votes needed to invoke cloture on the bill, which will result in its passage in the Senate, it is important that all District of Columbia residents show their strong support for voting rights by joining the March on April 16, 2008.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Washington Council AFL-CIO:

- commits to participating in force in the second annual DC Voting Rights March on April 16, 2008;
- will seek support from the AFL-CIO and unions headquartered in D.C. to join us in the March; and
- the Metro Washington Council will provide financial support to DC Vote to help defray the the March expenses.