

IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC SECTOR WORKERS

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WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic and economic crisis have highlighted critical gaps in public service workers’ rights to healthy, safe and equitable workplaces and treatment; and

WHEREAS, public service employees perform some of the most dangerous work in our society. In 2020, numerous Ohio public sector employees were killed or injured on the job; and

WHEREAS, Ohio public service employees are on the front lines of the fight against COVID-19. Thousands of them have contracted the disease on the job and many have died from it, despite the risk to and sacrifice of public service employees; and

WHEREAS, OCSEA members are putting themselves on the line every day to provide the public with essential health care, public safety, education, housing and social services during the health emergency, even when they do not have the option of working from home; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OCSEA will continue to fight for comprehensive health and safety measures on the job. This includes adequate ventilations, PPE, equipment, training, and other safety protocols; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that OCSEA supports the continuation of
26 telework where appropriate as a safety precaution as well as a quality-of-life issue;
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED OCSEA supports that our members should be
30 receiving the emergency pay as per the OCSEA contract. OCSEA is actively
31 preparing the grievance on the violation of the emergency pay contract language;
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34 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED OCSEA salutes all public service and other
35 front-line workers who “never quit” on the public during the ongoing pandemic. It is
36 public service workers who provide the vital health and personal care, sanitation,
37 financial support, and other essential services to support our communities in need,
38 often at great sacrifice to themselves.