

Solidarity with the People of Okinawa

Whereas, the people of Okinawa have suffered the horrors of war and are a peace loving people;

Whereas, 15% of the island of Okinawa is already occupied by U.S. military bases, and more than 30% of the land of many municipalities in the central region of Okinawa is used by the U.S. military;

Whereas, the vast majority of the people of Okinawa oppose the expansion of U.S. military bases, and have repeatedly exercised their democratic rights and voted in large numbers to oppose U.S. military expansion;

Whereas, the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance has supported labor and peace activists from Okinawa, and are deeply committed to solidarity with the people of Okinawa;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance reaffirms our opposition to U.S. military expansion in Okinawa including the building of new bases at Henoko and Takae;

Be it further resolved, that we are calling on all of our members to encourage their unions, central labor councils, state federations, the national AFL-CIO, and our community partners to pass resolutions to oppose the U.S. military expansion in Okinawa;

Be it further resolved, that we are calling on the U.S. Congress to withhold support for the U.S. military expansion on Okinawa and to respect the democratic wishes of the people of Okinawa.

Submitted by:

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