

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Subject: Climate Change (Referred to Resolutions Committee)
Submitted by Local Lodge 700

WHEREAS, the IAM has always been a leading voice for our members and all workers globally on vital issues that impact working families that demand our united, collective action, and

WHEREAS, our Union is especially vulnerable to the consequences of climate change, with large percentages of IAM members working in at risk occupations and industries, and

WHEREAS, the threat to IAM members, and the entire human race, from unchecked climate change is undeniable, based on the consensus opinion and analysis from the scientific community, and

WHEREAS, this threat includes massive disruptions to the global economy, national security, displacement of people in coastal communities, extreme heat, wildfires, drought, flooding, and other extreme weather related events, and

WHEREAS, these challenges to our jobs, communities, and our lives demand proactive steps by our Union to understand the impact of climate change on our membership, how best to adapt and plan ways to mitigate the impact, to keep our members working and families safe, and

WHEREAS our Union is the best representative of our interests in planning how a Green Economy can accommodate new employment and sustainable living while protecting the fundamental rights of all workers to organize and benefit from these necessary changes, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the IAMAW undertake an examination of the potential impact of climate change on the jobs and industries of IAM members, and be it

RESOLVED that the Executive Council lead this active examination with the goal of delivering to the members a comprehensive report by June 2023, and be it

RESOLVED that this investigation will utilize the assistance of special experts as appropriate, along with surveys of and discussions with Local, District, State, and Provincial leadership of the IAM, along with the membership as a whole, and be it

RESOLVED that the report of this commission include both broad plans and specific approaches for addressing jobs impacted by climate change and the steps needed for workers and communities to transition to new jobs and industries in the new green economy, and be it

RESOLVED that the IAM will engage in pro-active leadership to address this crisis by joining with other unions and organizations in the international climate change movement to actively defend workers' jobs, rights, and lives, as well as secure a livable future for our children and future generations.