

## **Railroad Safety**

**WHEREAS**, the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Division (BMWED) and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen Division (BLET) of the Teamster Rail Conference represent over 70,000 railroad workers, and

**WHEREAS**, the work performed by Rail Teamsters is critical to the safety and profitability of the railroad industry and the strength of the U.S. economy, and

**WHEREAS**, the work performed by Rail Teamsters is inherently dangerous for workers, communities and the environment, as evidenced by the Lac-Mégantic disaster which resulted in 47 deaths on July 6, 2013, and

**WHEREAS**, one person crews were a contributory factor to the Lac-Mégantic disaster, and

**WHEREAS**, BMWED and BLET work closely together in the regulatory and legislative arenas to further railroad safety for the benefit of their members, the industry, and the public-at-large, and

**WHEREAS**, BMWED and BLET are leading the way in all areas of railroad safety,

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the delegates to the 30th International Brotherhood of Teamsters Convention go on record in support of the Rail Conference unions' efforts to improve railroad safety by calling upon the Federal Railroad Administration to adopt Federal standards strengthening requirements for two-person train crews on all trains, and limiting the maximum length of trains to 8,500 feet, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the delegates to the 30th International Brotherhood of Teamsters Convention go on record in support of the Rail Conference unions' efforts to improve standards for operating procedures, stricter standards for equipment maintenance and safety appliances, track safety, bridge safety, rail integrity, and a call for independent accident investigations, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the delegates to the 30th International Brotherhood of Teamsters Convention go on record in support of the Rail Conference unions' efforts to mitigate and address fatigue through a combination of predictable scheduling, increased manpower, reduced travel territories, and the furnishing of clean and sanitary single-occupancy rest accommodations, nutritious meals, and appropriate away-from-home travel and meal allowances, and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the delegates to the 30th International Brotherhood of Teamsters Convention go on record supporting closer cooperation between the Federal Railroad Administration and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to address any gaps in regulatory coverage to protect railroad workers from all occupational hazards that exist in the railroad industry.