

**ADDRESSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE ENROLLMENT GROWTH**

**WHEREAS:** Michigan's community colleges have a long tradition of providing affordable access to higher education and highly respected associate degree, career certificate, and apprenticeship programs; and

**WHEREAS:** Michigan's community colleges are playing a critical role in training and retraining Michigan's workforce for the high demand jobs in redefined and emerging industries; and

**WHEREAS:** Michigan's community colleges have experienced dramatic enrollment growth, in many cases exceeding 30% over the last three years, as students and workers seek education and new employment skills to compete in the new economy; and

**WHEREAS:** The expanding mission of Michigan's community colleges and their surging enrollments have seriously overburdened their operational budgets and facilities, at a time of declining State and local support; and **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** AFT Michigan intensify its already significant efforts to secure State funding sufficient to provide the full-time staffing, the equitable compensation of adjunct faculty, and the facility upgrades needed to meet the expanded mission and enrollments of Michigan's community colleges; and **NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED:** AFT Michigan commend the Obama Administration for its recognition of community colleges as critical to the nation's economy recovery and the Administration's substantive assistance to community colleges during 2008-10 through the funding afforded to States and the competitive grants made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act; and **NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY**

**RESOLVED:** AFT Michigan, in conjunction with the AFT, AFL-CIO, the educational community, and other supportive organizations, pursue an ongoing, consistent, and predictable level of federal funding for community college staffing and facility needs.

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee  
Resolutions Committee recommends the resolution be adopted.