

## **I. Resolution for Quality Public Services**

**WHEREAS** as publicly funded workers we have the ability to improve the quality of life for ourselves and our community through growing our Union and by working to improve and expand access to the services we provide, and

**WHEREAS**, we work hard to provide the best services possible to the public, and

**WHEREAS**, we face a concerted and continuing effort to under-fund and de-fund the services provided by us and our agencies, and

**WHEREAS**, CSEA SEIU Local 2001 has fought to improve services in Connecticut, and

**WHEREAS**, frontline workers are the experts in their respective fields because they have knowledge and ideas that can improve services provided, and

**WHEREAS**, our jobs are more rewarding and enjoyable when we are providing the best services possible, and

**WHEREAS**, we can increase member involvement and strengthen our Union when we work on forward-looking causes like improving services now, and

**WHEREAS**, the concerted and continuing under-funding and de-funding of public services provided by government agencies has eroded our ability to provide top quality services and has accelerated pressure to privatize public services, and

**WHEREAS**, there is a perception that the private sector provide services more effectively and efficiently and at less cost to the taxpayer because the public sector is less innovative and too bureaucratic, and

**WHEREAS**, privatization of public services almost always leads to less accountability and lower standards for workers, and

**WHEREAS**, our Union led the fight against unwise and costly schemes to outsource the State's information technology system and also led the fight to pass an innovative Clean Contracting Bill in 2007, and

**WHEREAS**, we intend for our Union to become recognized as a leading advocate for quality services, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** by this 67th Anniversary Convention of CSEA SEIU Local 2001: That CSEA SEIU Local 2001 shall become a leading force for standing up for quality public services in our State.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Union change the terms of debate around privatization from public versus private to one of quality services to the public and quality standards for workers.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Union shall continue to shine a public spotlight on the risks and lower quality that ensues from privatization.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Union shall participate fully in the newly established Clean Contracting process to highlight the flaws and costs inherent in privatization.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Executive Council will identify and launch at least one (1) initiative in each Division and partner with our employers and other quality service advocates when possible to improve the services we deliver.