

International Longshore and Warehouse Union
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Resolution # R-20

SUPPORT RITE AID WORKERS AGAIN

- WHEREAS: Local 26, ILWU represented members employed at Thrifty Warehouses since the early 1940's; and
- WHEREAS: Rite Aid purchased the Thrifty-Payless Corp. in 1996; and
- WHEREAS: in 1997, during the ILWU Convention in Hawaii, Local 26 received the fax from Rite Aid notifying the union that the company was closing its Local 26 warehouse permanently and relocating to Las Vegas, Nevada, a Right to Work state; and
- WHEREAS: in 1998 Rite Aid relocated back to Lancaster, California, after purchasing 88 acres of land for \$1.00, and qualifying as an Enterprise Zone recipient of State of California subsidies and tax write-offs; and
- WHEREAS: ILWU Local 26 members were devastated as a result of this closure, including six (6) suicides; and
- WHEREAS: the ILWU was successful in re-organizing Rite Aid warehouse employees into Local 26; and
- WHEREAS: a first contract was ratified by Rite Aid Local 26 members on May 12, 2011; and
- WHEREAS: since ratification of the contract accumulating over 200 grievances and 128 binding arbitrations, including approximately 20 terminations, including 2 stewards, and new unfair labor practices; THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED: that the ILWU support the Local 26 members' struggle with Rite Aid to achieve a fair and just workplace under a union contract.