



## **Resolution in support of the March 21-22 2020 International Conference for Completely Normal Relations with Cuba**

**Whereas:** We must end all US economic, commercial, and financial sanctions against Cuba —the blockade and repeal all blockade legislation, particularly the 1996 Helms-Burton law

**Whereas:** We defend the right to travel to Cuba! End all US restrictions on travel to Cuba by US citizens and legal residents, as with any other country. Fully legalize all air travel from the US to Cuban cities. Reverse the ban on cruise ship stops to the island.

**Whereas:** The US should normalize diplomatic relations with Cuba, including the full staffing of the US embassy in Havana so that Cuban citizens can obtain visas to travel legally to the United States.

**Whereas:** The US must return Guantanamo Bay to Cuba!

**Whereas:** The US government must end all subversive, “regime change“ programs against Cuba, including the obscene attacks and smears against Cuba’s outstanding medical missions that send Cuban doctors to countries in need throughout the world, receiving universal recognition and praise.

### **Therefore:**

**The Troy Area Labor Council, AFL-CIO supports The International Conference for Normalization of Relations With Cuba**, which advocates united public action on many fronts to organize the maximum pressure on the US government as a whole — the White House and Congress — to create the political conditions for the legal ending of the US economic and political war against the Cuban Revolution.

### **Furthermore:**

We recognize that the White House can make limited changes tightening or ameliorating US policies, but that only the US Congress can fully lift the blockade, and thereby normalize US-Cuba relations.