RESOLUTION ADVOCATING FOR A STATE WIDE PLUMBING COMPETENCY REQUIREMENT

WHEREAS, plumbers of the United Association are the first line of defense to protect America’s public health; and

WHEREAS, most government agencies in the State of California do not require a certificate of plumbing competency or requirements for skilled journeypersons to ensure a skilled and trained workforce; and

WHEREAS, proper certification of plumbing professional is positively linked to superior workmanship, improved safety and lower costs; and

WHEREAS, plumbing licensing is required in many states but not in California; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Clara has a program that could be modeled throughout California to require a certificate of plumbing competency; and

WHEREAS, the State of California implemented Senate Bill 693, which established provisions requiring enforceable commitments from bidders, contractors, or other entities to use a skilled and trained workforce to complete contracts or projects that fall within the parameters of the bill language; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 693 creates an opportunity to align skilled and trained work force policies with a new mandate for plumbers in California to be required to obtain a certificate of plumbing competency; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Delegates to the 99th California State Pipe Trades Convention request the California State Pipe Trades Council to adopt a policy of support for California to require a certificate of plumbing competency for workers in the Plumbing Industries of California, and to aggressively pursue legislation leading toward that end, until such time as it is enacted.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED, that this Resolution immediately, upon its adoption, be forwarded to the California State Pipe Trades Council to form a Plumbing Competency Committee to identify an implementation plan for this new standard.

This resolution was submitted by the Officers of UA Local Union 393 Plumbers, Steamfitters, Pipefitters & HVAC/R Service Technicians cover Santa Clara and San Benito Counties. It is being forwarded to the California State Pipe Trades Council for the concurrence and action of the Delegates of the 99th California State Pipe Trades Council Convention.