

Militarization in the U.S. and Globally

WHEREAS, under the leadership of President Donald Trump, the United States has menaced the American people through his administration's sweeping, brutal immigration campaign, leaving Americans outraged over the thuggish brutality meted out by U.S. (ICE) agents since they were sent by the thousands to Los Angeles in June 2025; and

WHEREAS, under demoted Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) has swept into cities across the country, employing racial profiling, excessive force and unthinkable methods to apprehend suspected undocumented immigrants, such as surrounding schools, using children as bait to arrest and deport their parents and entering homes without search warrants; and

WHEREAS, U.S. citizens exercising their constitutional rights to protest ICE and CBP actions and observe federal agents in their communities have been harassed, attacked and arrested by masked ICE and Border Patrol agents, aggression that led to the daylight shooting deaths of two U.S. citizens in Minneapolis, Renee Good and Alex Pretti; and

WHEREAS, under the pro-authoritarian, militarized foreign policy of the Trump Administration, the President and his administration have attempted to bully Ukraine into giving up its defense as a sovereign nation and surrendering to Russian demands in a so-called peace agreement brokered by Russia and the U.S.—which Ukrainian leaders have refused; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has continued his harassment of Greenland by threatening that the U.S. could annex the island, which is a semi-autonomous part of Denmark, a NATO member; and

WHEREAS, Donald Trump ordered a military strike on Venezuela on January 3, 2026, in which the U.S. military captured Venezuelan president Nicolas Maduro and his wife, while also vowing that the U.S. would run Venezuela and extract oil from its reserves for years to come; and

WHEREAS, Donald Trump has threatened Cuba, stating that he is seeking to oust Cuba's president from power and execute what he has called "a friendly takeover" of the island; and in pursuit of this goal, established a U.S. oil blockade on Cuba which has starved the country of fuel and has contributed to a growing humanitarian crisis in the energy-dependent country, which is struggling to prevent the collapse of its aging electrical grid, keep its hospitals open and transport supplies as food prices soar; and

WHEREAS, the attack on innocent lives in Israel by Hamas on October 7, 2023 was a despicable, abhorrent act, which killed thousands from numerous countries, while also leading to the hostage taking of hundreds of innocent civilians who were subject to violent, inhumane treatment and left Israel well within its rights to defend itself; and

WHEREAS, the military campaign waged by Israel against Gaza developed into one that has been condemned globally for its massive, unlimited destruction of population centers, the infrastructure of Gaza, and the killing of tens of thousands of civilians; and

WHEREAS, (in a [March 19 media statement](#)), 17 United Nations experts, condemned Israel's accelerated ethnic cleansing and annexation campaign in the occupied West Bank, marked by the forced displacement of Palestinians and increased violence by Israeli security forces and settlers terrorizing Palestinian communities; and

WHEREAS, the U.S., with Israel, launched an unprovoked, unnecessary and potentially illegal war against Iran which has left thousands dead in Lebanon, Israel, Iraq and Iran—where a U.S. missile hit killed as many as 174 children at a school in the city of Minab—and has taken the lives of at least 13 U.S. service members and wounded more than 200 soldiers; and

WHEREAS, the attacks on Iran have caused the cost of oil and gasoline to spike due to Iran's military hold on the Strait of Hormuz, a waterway that facilitates the transport of about 20 percent of the world's daily oil consumption, and the destruction of oil production facilities throughout the Persian Gulf region, creating a global energy crisis that the executive director of the [International Energy Agency](#) has said is worse than the combined oil shocks of 1973 and 1979 and had a bigger impact on natural gas supplies than Russia's invasion of Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, according to a March 2025 [minority staff report](#) by the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, over 60% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck; and the interests of U.S. workers would be far better served by a government that met our basic needs for affordable healthcare, housing, groceries, and education, rather than waging war on workers here and abroad; and

WHEREAS, the Trump administration is reportedly requesting \$200 billion for the Iran war and will have spent around \$25 billion on the war by March 27, according to the [Center for Strategic and International Studies](#); and

WHEREAS, this unnecessary use of taxpayer dollars will negatively impact many important social and public services by diverting resources from education, health coverage, food assistance and other social safety nets; and

WHEREAS, UUP members – and workers across the US -- are also impacted by this massive federal funding request, which will result in more cuts to Medicaid, Medicare and the Affordable Care Act, threatening SUNY's public teaching hospitals, campuses and our communities due to state budget cuts that will follow federal cuts.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Delegates of United University Professions, the nation's largest higher education union, directs the UUP President to send letters to the New York State Congressional Delegation demanding that Congress:

Provide zero funding for U.S. military actions in Iran;

Provide zero funding for ongoing military actions in Venezuela and potential military attacks in Cuba, Greenland or any other country threatened, bullied or identified for possible military strikes by the president, excluding instances when the US is acting in constitutionally established self-defense actions;

Demand that all U.S. aid to Israel be conditioned upon an agreement that Israel stop its attacks and actions in Lebanon, Iran, Gaza and the West Bank, and that the New York State Congressional delegation demand that President Trump immediate initiate negotiations that lead to a two-state solution to the Israel/Palestine conflict;

Call on the U.S. Government to support Ukraine in its ongoing defense against Russia's military aggression and brutal occupation since the latter's unprovoked act in 2022; and
be it further

RESOLVED, that United University Professions will encourage support actions to defend our collective interests and oppose funding for the war in Iran through actions on May Day (also known as International Workers' Day) and other events focused on opposing the militarization of our nation and resultant financial impacts of these steps by the Trump Administration; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President of UUP inform the presidents of NYSUT, the New York State AFL-CIO and AFT of this resolution and action taken by the Delegate Assembly, and to urge them to make similar demands in the areas highlighted to New York State's congressional delegation.