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Supporting a settlement to the Northwest Airlines mechanics strike.

Whereas, Northwest Airlines (NWA) is a major corporation in the State of Minnesota and a employer to thousands of Minnesotans; and

Whereas, the Airline Mechanics Fraternal Association (AMFA) is currently on strike against Northwest over wage and benefit issues; and

Whereas, NWA is responsible for the air transportation for many residents and visitors to and from the City of Minneapolis; and

Whereas, there are concerns about the overall safety of NWA flights while the AMFA employees are on strike; and

Whereas, the current offer that NWA has on the table requires the elimination of the jobs of 53% of those voting on the contract; and

Whereas, NWA is currently paying in excess of \$100 million to train replacement flight attendants and technicians; and

Whereas, NWA has been in preparations for a mechanics strike for over two years; and

Whereas, NWA still owes its employees \$250 million from the 1993 concessionary agreements;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City of Minneapolis support a settlement by Northwest Airlines of the strike by the Airline Mechanics Fraternal Association.

Be It Further Resolved that the City of Minneapolis, when reasonably possible and consistent with the City's travel policies, attempt to find air transportation for its employees on another airline until the Northwest Airlines Mechanics strike has ended.