



RESOLUTION 28

SEVENTH NATIONAL COPE CONVENTION
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Food Insecurity and Income Disparity

- WHEREAS food banks are under immense pressure to provide nutritious and culturally considerate foods to the most vulnerable in our communities; and
- WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic showed that across Canada we need a more equitable and healthier food system, and
- WHEREAS insufficient welfare rates have been cited as the number one reason for accessing a food bank; and
- WHEREAS people on social assistance represent more than half of food bank usage and are often left to have to choose between buying groceries or paying rent and other bills.
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT that COPE/SEPBC encourage locals to develop regionally significant policies to address the growing impact of food insecurity, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COPE/SEPBC continue to support the Canadian Labour Congress' (CLC) and the Quebec Federation of Labour's (FTQ) campaigns to increase minimum wage across Canada, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that COPE/SEPBC participate in lobby efforts by the CLC and/or the FTQ to lobby for an increase to income assistance, and
- BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT COPE/SEPBC support organizations that are working to address the growing need for food security.

Resolution submitted by Local 378.