



## **A Resolution to Support Our Youth in Careers in Logging**

WHEREAS, the timber harvesting profession is oftentimes a family run business where the practice of harvesting and transporting forest products from the forest to the receiving mills is passed down from one generation to the next, and

WHEREAS, timber harvesting operations are labor intensive careers that oftentimes require on-the-ground training to promote efficiencies and expertise in performing those operations, and

WHEREAS, there is no current on-the-ground program in place to educate and train these young men and women to learn how to run the business, including equipment operation and maintenance prior to obtaining the age of eighteen, and

WHEREAS, the sustainability of the timber harvesting industry will be dependent on the next generation of family members who choose to enter the profession, and

WHEREAS, other agricultural businesses, including farmers and ranchers enjoy exemptions to existing child labor laws that permit family members between the ages of sixteen and eighteen to participate in and learn the operations of the family businesses, and

WHEREAS, the young men and women under the age of eighteen who are members of the families who own and operate timber harvesting companies are being denied the opportunity to work and learn the trade that could be passed down to them because of current child labor laws.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the American Loggers Council (ALC) go on record in support of changes to the child labor laws that would allow family members between the ages of sixteen and eighteen to enter into and participate in work with their family members on timber harvesting operations here in the United States.

Adopted this   1st   day of October, 2011 during the Fall Board of Directors Meeting of the American Loggers Council.