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ASSOCIATION FLIGHT ATTENDANTS OFFER TO LEND UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT OF RESOURCES TO NORTHWEST FLIGHT ATTENDANTS

Washington, DC – In an effort to preserve the flight attendant profession against unprecedented attacks, the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA (AFA-CWA) offered an unconditional, no-strings-attached, pledge of resources and support to the Professional Association of Flight Attendants (PFAA) as they try to navigate through the bankruptcy process with Northwest management. AFA-CWA resources include a tough legal team of unmatched experienced representing workers in airline bankruptcies, a seasoned team of professional negotiators, and a full compliment of researchers and analysts. At today's Board of Director's meeting in Palm Springs, members enthusiastically applauded AFA-CWA International President Patricia Friend's announcement of the offer.

“The situation at Northwest is potentially devastating to all flight attendants across the country if the company’s proposal is met,” said Friend. “This non-contract, non-union workforce that Northwest is proposing will show up on every bargaining table in the future if we don’t all work together and come to an equitable solution.”

AFA-CWA offered PFAA, an independent organization representing Northwest Airlines flight attendants, immediate access to their resources on Saturday, October 15. In conversations on Sunday, PFAA president Guy Meek requested additional time to consider the AFA-CWA offer.

PFAA has until November 16 to respond to management’s proposal to outsource all flight attendant positions on international flights, as well as domestic flights with 100 seats or less.

“AFA has vast experience in working with management through the bankruptcy process and we have been successful in preserving our profession along the way. Our legal and collective bargaining experience would be an enormous asset to the Northwest flight attendants and it is crucial that PFAA set aside their differences and focus on preserving a profession that we have all worked so hard to preserve and advance,” said Friend.

75 Years of Safety & Service: 60 Years of Unity

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the flight attendant profession and the 60th anniversary of the Association of Flight Attendants. More than 46,000 flight attendants, join together to form AFA-CWA, the world’s largest flight attendant union. AFA is part of the 700,000-member strong Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO. Visit us at www.afanet.org.

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