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Resolution Title: Support Corbyn – Tories Out!

Theresa May has called a snap election at a time when workers face the most prolonged squeeze on wages since the early nineteenth century. Benefits cuts are leaving millions without enough to feed themselves and their families and social housing organisations are turning potential tenants away because they would be unable to afford even social rent because of benefit cuts. The NHS is in deepening crisis due to funding cuts; the large turnout at the recent demonstration in defence of the NHS gives some indication of the strength of feeling on this issue.

Far from being a strong government, May fears that, given the Tories' wafer-thin majority in parliament, she could be overwhelmed by forced U-turns. In the first year of the government alone there were eleven. Now, in order to try to prevent more May has made the biggest U-turn yet. Having pledged not to call a snap election she has gone ahead and done so. On the basis of opinion polls, May believes that she would be returned with an increased majority at this stage and on the basis of an increased majority would be better able to carry through her real programme of austerity and attacks on rights at work.

Jeremy Corbyn launched the Labour election campaign with a call for a Labour government that "is standing up for working people to improve the lives of all". His campaign will face huge opposition from the media and capitalist establishment. We commit the branch to campaign in defence of public services, decent pay and rights at work and to explain the issues at stake.

This branch supports the Labour party in standing on the policies that led to Unite members to back Jeremy Corbyn for the leadership including:

- An immediate introduction of a £10 an hour minimum wage
- Free education for all
- Mass council house building
- Nationalisation of the rail and energy companies.

This branch also calls on the Labour party to make clear that they will:

- Scrap the recent Housing Act, introduce real rent control and reintroduce secure tenancies
- Kick the privateers out of the public sector



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- Pledge to introduce stop the £22bn of Tory cuts proposed in the NHS under the STP plans
- Restore the funding stolen from local Government since 2010
- Stop the education cuts
- Scrap the public sector pay cap and restore our lost pay
- Stop the explicit government policy of creating a 'hostile environment' for 'undocumented' migrants.