

Sponsors: Mayor Anthony Copeland
Councilman Lenny Franciski
Councilman Robert Garcia
Councilman Terence Hill

RES 26-0011

**A RESOLUTION OF MAYOR ANTHONY COPELAND AND THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA, URGING BRITISH PETROLEUM (BP)
TO END THE CURRENT LOCKOUT AND RESUME GOOD FAITH COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING**

WHEREAS, the City of East Chicago recognizes the important role that refinery workers and organized labor play in supporting the economic stability, public safety, and overall well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, many residents of the City of East Chicago and surrounding communities are employed directly or indirectly through operations associated with British Petroleum (BP); and

WHEREAS, the City of East Chicago values the long-standing contributions of hardworking union employees and their families, who help strengthen the local economy and community through their labor and dedication; and

WHEREAS, the City of East Chicago believes that fair and respectful labor negotiations are essential to maintaining productive relationships between employers and employees; and

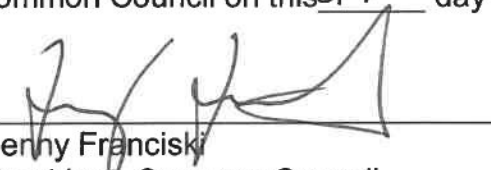
WHEREAS, the ongoing lockout has created uncertainty and hardship for workers, families, and the broader region; and

WHEREAS, the City of East Chicago encourages all parties involved to work collaboratively toward a fair and equitable resolution through continued communication and negotiation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY MAYOR ANTHONY COPELAND AND
THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA, THAT:**

1. Mayor Anthony Copeland and the Common Council respectfully urge British Petroleum (BP) to end the current lockout and resume collective bargaining negotiations in good faith.
2. Mayor Anthony Copeland and the Common Council encourage all parties to continue working toward a fair resolution that respects workers, protects families, and promotes economic stability within the region.
3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to representatives of British Petroleum, union leadership, and any other appropriate parties.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the East Chicago Common Council on this 27th day of MAY, 2026.


Lenny Franciski
President, Common Council
City of East Chicago

ATTEST:


Richard Medina, City Clerk

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor for his approval and signature on this 28th day of MAY, 2026


Richard Medina, City Clerk

APPROVED and SIGNED by me on this 1 day of June, 2026


Anthony Copeland, Mayor
City of East Chicago

FILED IN CLERK'S OFFICE

JUN 04 2026

Clerk, East Chicago Common Council

