



## PRESIDENT WALKER'S VIDEO MESSAGE – May 1, 2020

Hey. Good afternoon, Local 1000. Happy Friday!

We made it through another week. I don't know about you, but I've been thinking all week about how our life is just turmoil right now. We're starting to see signs, you know, things coming back to normal. Things are going to change. We're going to open the state. We're going to go back to work. Things are just going to be different.

So you know, I think about Fridays as reflective days. And, as I was thinking about myself and my journey here at Local 1000, I thought about when I started in 2008. We had just started the Great Recession. We went through about 15 months of hell, right? We had furloughs. We had cuts. Everything was horrible. And I didn't think that we'd make it through.

But here's the thing. We did. We didn't just make it through. We didn't just survive the Great Recession. We thrived. We came out of it better. We came out of it stronger. We developed our Purpose Statement. We had a mission, and we kept going.

But here we are in 2020. Global pandemic. We can't leave our houses. People can't go to work. If they are working, they're teleworking. They can't pay their rent. Just everything just going crazy. And we just think we just want a little bit of normal because really, we've been through enough.

So here's what I want you to reflect on this weekend.

Maya Angelou said, "If you're just trying to be normal, you will never know how amazing you can be." Because I believe, even though we're in the midst of this pandemic, we have the opportunity to be bigger and better than we were before. This pandemic has opened up the fissures that exist in our economy. We know it's not working. We know people on the low end of the scale are suffering disproportionately. And this can be our opportunity to be amazing to change that.

So I want you this weekend to reflect on just how amazing you can be. And just how amazing we can be together. Because together I know we can come out of this.

We can change the world.

Talk to you on Monday.