

## A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PREVAILING WAGE

### EXAMPLE

WHEREAS, state prevailing wage laws share a common history of being enacted as part of general reform efforts to improve working conditions at the end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th centuries; and

WHEREAS, it was the Great Depression that energized Congress and President Herbert Hoover, to pass the Davis–Bacon Act in 1931. The legislative history of the state prevailing wage laws and the federal Davis-Bacon Act reflects a clear desire by lawmakers to reserve jobs on taxpayer funded projects for skilled local workers and to maintain local wage standards; and

WHEREAS, Illinois enacted its Prevailing Wage Act (“the Act”) in 1941 to ensure people working on public work projects receive decent wages and in turn, provide assurances to public bodies that projects will be completed efficiently and expeditiously by well-trained local workers;

WHEREAS, the Act protects local workers by removing the incentive to import less expensive labor from areas outside the locality in which the work is performed and permitting public bodies to employ responsible contractors who pay a fair wage; and

WHEREAS, the Act protects taxpayers by ensuring high-quality construction work that saves taxpayers money as qualified professionals complete projects correctly the first time without creating expensive delays due to mistakes and on-time projects that are on-budget and performed safely; and

WHEREAS, several published studies demonstrate states that repealed the prevailing wage law experienced lower wages for all construction workers, reduced incomes for other workers in industries located in the state (the indirect, or induced, impact of repeal), reduced health and pension benefits for construction workers and eventual increased costs to state and local communities, reduced sales tax revenues to the state and regional economies, reduced corporate income taxes, increased occupational injuries and their associated costs, increased construction work done by out-of-state contractors, lower productivity of the construction workforce, and weakened system of construction apprenticeship training; and

WHEREAS, prevailing wage laws are under attack by corporate groups, anti-union businesses and the politicians they support; and

WHEREAS, the \_\_\_\_\_ City/County/Township would benefit using skilled, qualified professional construction workers on its public projects by having on-time, on-budget, safely built amenities for our residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the \_\_\_\_\_ City/County/Township desires to provide the highest quality of living for all of its residents, visitors, and workers.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that \_\_\_\_\_ City/County/Township strongly supports amendments to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act effective June 1, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, \_\_\_\_\_ City/County/Township will make every effort to ensure prevailing wage rates are being paid on City/County/Township projects; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, \_\_\_\_\_ City/County/Township supports the continuation and strengthening of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act as such support benefits residents, visitors, and workers.

Enacted and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.