

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2016-043

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3 SPONSORS Mr. Pry, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Donofrio, Mr. Feeman, Mr. Kostandaras,
4 Mrs. Prentice, Mr. Schmidt, Ms. Shapiro, Ms. Walters, Mr. Wilhite

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6 DATE February 29, 2016 COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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8 **A Resolution opposing the passage of HB 282, which would repeal Ohio's prevailing wage**
9 **laws, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, Ohio's prevailing wage laws build and strengthen the middle-class by
12 ensuring that all workers on projects financed by public entities are paid a wage equal to that of
13 similar work in the same geographic area, while at the same time increasing the amount of in-
14 state contractors working on projects financed by public entities; and

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16 WHEREAS, workers who live in states which have prevailing wage laws earn an average
17 income that is higher than workers who live in states that do not have prevailing wage laws; and

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19 WHEREAS, workers in non-prevailing wage law states provide less support to local,
20 state and federal governments in the form of tax revenues, while simultaneously receiving a
21 disproportionate amount of government assistance through the Earned Income Tax credit
22 assistance, food stamp benefits, health insurance assistance, and public housing assistance; and

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24 WHEREAS, prevailing wage laws provide Ohio's local governments with a needed
25 increase in the tax base by raising wages of local workers, while simultaneously encouraging
26 further economic development of other industries and local businesses through the raising of
27 wages; and

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29 WHEREAS, paying a living wage promotes quality work the first time a project is
30 completed, thus ensuring that all publically funded projects are completely correctly while also
31 reducing slow productivity, minimizing errors, and keeping projects on track with budget
32 projections, while simultaneously advocating the usage of skilled and trained labor; and

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34 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
35 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to oppose the passage of HB
36 282, which would repeal Ohio's prevailing wage laws.

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38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the County of Summit,
39 State of Ohio, that:

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41 SECTION 1

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43 This Council opposes the passage of HB 282, which would repeal Ohio's prevailing wage
44 laws.

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46 SECTION 2

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48 The Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this
49 Resolution to the Governor of Ohio and to the Summit County delegation of the Ohio General
50 Assembly.
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4 SECTION 3

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6 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
7 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of immediately
8 expressing opposition to the passage of HB 282 before it is voted on in the Ohio General
9 Assembly.

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11 SECTION 4

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13 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take
14 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take
15 effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

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18 SECTION 5

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20 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
21 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
22 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
23 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
24 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Codes.

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27 INTRODUCED January 25, 2016

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29 ADOPTED February 29, 2016

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33 CLERK OF COUNCIL


34 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

35 APPROVED March 1, 2016

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39 EXECUTIVE

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41 ENACTED EFFECTIVE March 1, 2016

Voice Vote: 9-0 YES: Crawford, Donofrio, Feeman, Kostandaras,
Prentice, Schmidt, Shapiro, Walters, Wilhite
ABSENT: Lee, Rodgers