

RESOLUTION #01 -2017
CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY

WHEREAS, The City of Berea was required to pay the local prevailing wage for any public construction project that exceeded \$250,000 prior to the passage of House Bill 3;

WHEREAS, Two studies completed by the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission more than a decade apart showed that Kentucky's former prevailing wage law was unlikely to reflect actual local construction wages and resulted in increased labor costs for public projects;

WHEREAS, There is no reliable evidence that shows that prevailing wage laws result in higher quality work or fewer incidents of worker injury;

WHEREAS, The most recent state study concluded that the former prevailing wage law cost local taxpayers up to 30 percent more on labor costs than comparable construction projects completed by entities not subject to prevailing wage requirements;

WHEREAS, The repeal of prevailing wage will free up local resources and allow communities to engage in additional infrastructure projects, improve efficiencies and focus on economic growth;

WHEREAS, House Bill 3 was introduced by Speaker of the House Jeff Hoover on January 3, 2017;

WHEREAS, House Bill 3 received final passage by the General Assembly and was delivered to the Governor on January 7, 2017;

WHEREAS, Governor Matt Bevin signed House Bill 3 on January 9, 2017, thereby immediately repealing Kentucky's prevailing wage law; and

WHEREAS, Repeal of Kentucky's prevailing wage law was a top priority for the Kentucky League of Cities during the 2017 legislative session;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Berea City Council of the City of Berea commends the Kentucky General Assembly for the passage of House Bill 3 during the 2017 Regular Session.

Steve Connelly, Mayor

Date: _____

CITY OF BEREA:

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City Council

Date: _____