

RESOLUTION NO. 2015- 03

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB 1019, LEGISLATION TO THAT WOULD
ELIMINATE THE COMMON CONSTRUCTION WAGE FOR PUBLIC PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, HB 1019, a bill that would eliminate the use of Common Construction Wage was introduced in the Employment, Labor and Pensions Committee of the Indiana House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, public testimony on HB 1019 was heard by the Employment, Labor and Pensions Committee of the Indiana House of Representatives on February 17, 2015; and

WHEREAS, testimony presented to the Employment, Labor and Pensions Committee of the Indiana House of Representatives on HB 1019 was that while there was anecdotal evidence that this bill would generate savings to governmental units in Indiana, the academic and expert evidence that was presented was that there would be little if any savings to governmental units in the state due to the elimination of the Common Construction wage; and

WHEREAS, testimony presented to the Employment, Labor and Pensions Committee of the Indiana House of Representatives on HB 1019 by owners and officers of construction companies that do public construction projects in Indiana was that this bill would directly injure their companies; and

WHEREAS, testimony presented to the Employment, Labor and Pensions Committee of the Indiana House of Representatives on HB 1019 by owners and officers of construction companies that do public construction projects in Indiana was that this bill would cripple the construction industry in Indiana by eliminating the funding for training and apprenticeship programs at a time when there is already a critical shortage of skilled and trained construction workers in Indiana; and

WHEREAS, testimony presented to the Employment, Labor and Pensions Committee of the Indiana House of Representatives on HB 1019 by owners and officers of construction companies and academic experts that this bill would hurt both union and non-union construction companies and workers by opening the door to low paying, out of state construction companies; and

WHEREAS, testimony presented to the Employment, Labor and Pensions Committee of the Indiana House of Representatives on HB 1019 by owners and officers of construction companies and academic experts that this bill would reduce the household incomes of Indiana residents that are employed in the construction industry by as much as one half; and

WHEREAS, testimony presented to the Employment, Labor and Pensions Committee of the Indiana House of Representatives on HB 1019 by elected officials of governmental units that this bill would hurt residents of their communities, make it harder to evaluate bids for projects and make it harder to keep the economic development benefits of construction projects in their community; and

WHEREAS, HB 1019 was passed out of the Employment, Labor and Pensions Committee of the Indiana House of Representatives on February 17, 2015 and has been sent to the full Indiana House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Hobart is a community with a large number of residents who depend for their livelihood on the union and non-union construction industry and related industries.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

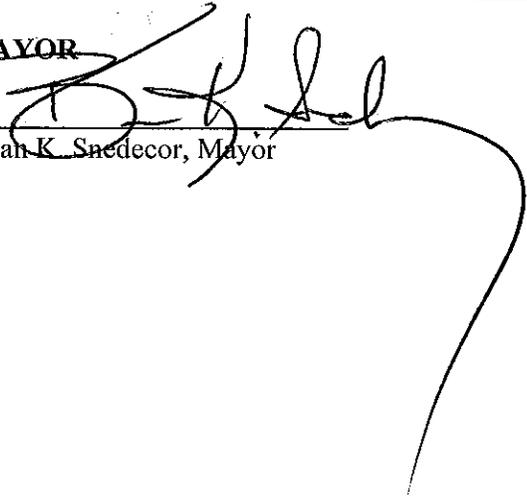
1. That a policy position is clearly stated by the Common Council of the City of Hobart that the Indiana Legislature should not pass HB 1019 or any similar legislation that would eliminate the use

of Common Construction Wage on public projects; and

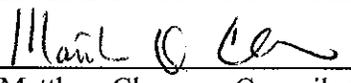
2. That the State legislators from Northwest Indiana should work together to prevent the passage of HB 1019 or any similar legislation that would eliminate the use of Common Construction Wage on public projects.

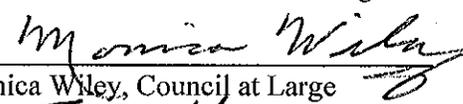
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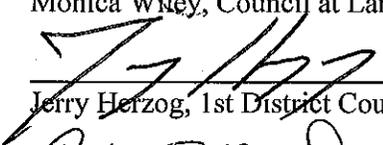
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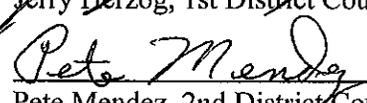

Brian K. Snedecor, Mayor

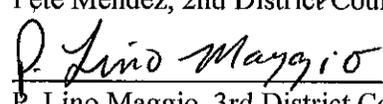
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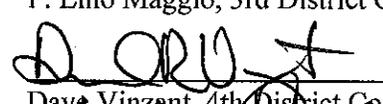

Matthew Claussen, Council at Large

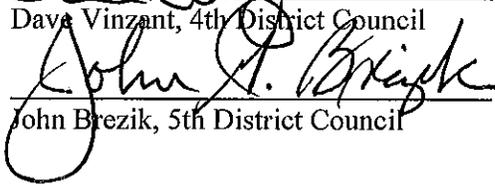

Monica Wiley, Council at Large


Jerry Herzog, 1st District Council

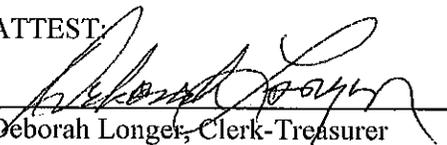

Pete Mendez, 2nd District Council


P. Lino Maggio, 3rd District Council


Dave Vinzant, 4th District Council


John Brezik, 5th District Council

ATTEST:


Deborah Longet, Clerk-Treasurer