

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 223

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
THIS TOWNSHIP URGING THE PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY TO REPEAL THE PREVAILING WAGE ACT.**

WHEREAS, under the 1961 State Prevailing Wage Law, townships are required to pay state-established "prevailing" wages on all public works projects over \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, the rate established by the Department of Labor and Industry reflect higher union wages, when the majority of workers in the commonwealth are non-union; and

WHEREAS, these higher rates of pay may add as much as 20 to 30 percent more onto the cost of public projects paid for by the taxpayers of our township; and

WHEREAS, it is not fair to our township's taxpayers to require them to pay more for projects financed with tax money than those projects financed with private money; and

WHEREAS, higher prevailing wages paid on government projects are often used by contractors to offset significantly lower wages paid to their workers on privately funded projects; and

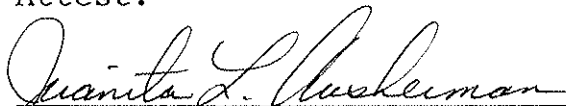
WHEREAS, taxpayers could save an estimated \$385 million statewide if local governments are not mandated to pay higher prevailing wages:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington Township in Franklin County urges the Pennsylvania General Assembly to save our township's taxpayers unnecessary cost by repealing the Prevailing Wage Act or by making its provisions optional for local governments.

DULY RESOLVED this 6th day of March 1995, by the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

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Attest:

  
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Juanita L. Ausherman, Secretary

  
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Paul G. Benchhoff, Chairman