

A RESOLUTION INDICATING THAT THE WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONDEMS THE PASSAGE OF "RIGHT TO WORK" LEGISLATION IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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WHEREAS, on December, 2012, Governor Rick Snyder signed "Right to Work" legislation, which was passed in the 96th session of the Michigan Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County has long had a beneficial relationship with labor unions representing our County workforce; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County has served as host to various labor conventions and training sessions for a collective thirty years with the EEI Union Training Programs; United Association Instructor Training Program; NJATC National Training Institute; Ironworkers Instructor Training Program; and others; and

WHEREAS, the annual positive economic impact of such events for the County is approximately \$12 million; with 22,000 hotel room nights in Washtenaw County; representing 31% of the total rooms booked by the Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau; resulting in \$2.3 million in spending at local restaurants and \$3.5 million in spending on entertainment, recreation, shopping/retail, and transportation at local businesses; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw Community College serves as a world leader in union training and has signed a new Training Agreement with Australia – UA of US, Canada and Australia; and

WHEREAS, both local and visiting Labor groups have made positive social impacts for Washtenaw County residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners condemns the passage of "Right to Work" legislation in the State of Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners calls on the Michigan Legislature to repeal "Right to Work."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners seeks to continue the long and successful partnerships the County, its businesses, organizations, and citizens have had with various labor organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners directs the County Administrator and the Director of Human Resources to engage in expedited negotiations, as requested by the Unions, with the goal of reaching four (4) year agreements to protect each bargaining unit's union security provisions, as well as enter into a Letter of Understanding separate from the existing collective bargaining agreements for a period of ten (10) years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Washtenaw County delegation to the Michigan Legislature, the Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, and any and all labor groups deemed appropriate by staff.