

RESOLUTION NO. 2
WYOMING PREVAILING WAGE STANDARDS

WHEREAS, the Wyoming prevailing wage law was designed to outlaw wage exploitation in public construction contracts by preventing the government from undercutting local area labor standards; and

WHEREAS, the underlying theory behind the law is that competition for government contracts should be based on managerial ability – the ability to perform the contract, manage the work force and use technical innovations to improve productivity – not on the basis of who can exploit their workers the most; and

WHEREAS, the law relies on a “prevailing wage” concept to ensure that competition for government contracts neither depresses nor inflates area or industry standards; and

WHEREAS, prevailing wage rates are based on the rate which is paid to the largest number of workers in that occupation in the locality; and

WHEREAS, in addition to protecting workers, this law provides safeguards for businesses, government and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, by establishing a wage rate floor, based on the rate common in the area, the law provides local builders with a fair chance to compete for government projects based on skill and efficiency rather than losing the work to disreputable competitors who would underbid them solely on the basis of paying substandard wages; and

WHEREAS, this law protects the government and taxpayers from substandard work which more than likely, would result in additional payments for higher repair costs and maintenance over the life of the project; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the prevailing wage law is needed now more than ever before; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming labor movement stands firmly committed to preserving the prevailing wage law in its most effective form; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming State AFL-CIO call on the State Legislature to do everything necessary to strengthen the Wyoming prevailing wage law by including all state, county, city and school district construction projects under the law.

Executive Board

Submitted By: Wyoming State AFL-CIO