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RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE COOK COUNTY PREVAILING WAGE REQUIREMENT ON PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVES (18-1604)

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WHEREAS, on March 14, 2018 the Cook County Board of Commissioners passed an ordinance to require private businesses to pay prevailing wage for all properties with a Cook County Economic Incentive Class 6s, 7s, 8s, 9s, SURS, etc. for all new incentive applicants, current incentive holders upon renewal and whose business undertakes any modernization project; and

WHEREAS, it requires that all contractors participate in a US Dept. of Labor recognized apprenticeship program limiting the eligibility of our local MBE, WBE, VBE and DBE contractors to participate in local projects; and

WHEREAS, it will drive costs for projects up, add red tape, eliminate the viability of the incentive program, increase cost to businesses and slow growth and investment in Cook County and our local communities; and

WHEREAS, it places an unfunded mandate on municipalities to collect and hold certified payrolls for all workers associated with any new construction or repair projects; and

WHEREAS, this requirement on private businesses is unprecedented; and

WHEREAS, this impacts twelve (12) existing projects in Orland Park that pay \$1,006,718.76 in property tax; and

WHEREAS, Prevailing Wage rates established by the state are significantly higher than actual wage rates in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Commissioners ignore the testimony from dozens of municipalities that reside in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, this will lead to fewer jobs and less economic development throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, this will only serve to hurt Cook County municipalities by driving businesses out of Cook County into adjacent collar counties and states such as Will County and Indiana.

NOW, THERFORE, Be it Resolved by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Orland Park, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois that:

- a. The Village of Orland Park hereby expresses its opposition to the Cook County Prevailing Wage Requirement on Property Tax Incentives and requests its immediate repeal by the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and
- b. A certified copy of this Resolution be filed as soon as possible with the Cook County Board of Commissioners.