

**TOWN OF MOSEL**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-01**

**OPPOSING PROPOSED CHANGES  
TO WISCONSIN PREVAILING WAGE LAW**

**WHEREAS**, Governor Doyle's proposed biennial state budget, AB 75, proposes to make the prevailing wage law applicable to any public work contract over \$2,000; and

**WHEREAS**, under the current law the prevailing wage requirements only apply to multiple trade public works project over \$234,000 and single trade public works projects over \$48,000; and

**WHEREAS**, reducing the threshold to \$2,000 will increase the cost of small public works projects previously exempted from the prevailing wage requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost increase to pay prevailing wages on all public works projects over \$2,000 will force municipalities to reduce the number of and/or size of public works projects or raise taxes to meet the increased costs, which is an increased burden on property taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's proposed state budget also for the first time proposes to make the prevailing wage law applicable to private projects that receive public financing; and

**WHEREAS**, the requirement to pay prevailing wage on all public works projects over \$2,000 will take away the competitive advantage that many smaller local contractors have on smaller public works projects over larger contractors from outside the immediate community, thus hurting the local economy in these communities while still increasing the costs of these projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed changes to the prevailing wage law in the state budget are non-fiscal policy changes that only affect local government and should be introduced as a separate legislative bill rather than be included in the state budget; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of Mosel, Sheboygan County opposes the changes to the prevailing wage law included in Governor Doyle's state budget proposal, AB 75, and hereby urges the Wisconsin State Legislature to remove these items from the budget bill.

Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

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Dirk Zylman, Town Chair

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Wayne Warnecke, Town Supervisor

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Dave Scharinger, Town Supervisor

**ATTEST:**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Town of Mosel Town Board at a legal meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

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Rachel Rehbein, Town Clerk-Treasurer