

RES 16-027

Wilmington, Delaware  
April 7, 2016

**WHEREAS**, supporting and facilitating job creation is considered by many to be a vital function of government, particularly at the local level; and

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**Sponsors:**

**WHEREAS**, this is especially true in Wilmington, where City officials and leaders work diligently to foster an environment ripe for job creation; and

**Council  
President  
Gregory**

**WHEREAS**, House Bill No. 283, also known as the Veterans, Skilled Workers, and Community Workforce Act, has been introduced in the Delaware General Assembly and is presently being considered by State lawmakers; and

**Council  
Member  
Shabazz**

**WHEREAS**, the bill would require that, on all State-funded construction, public works or improvement projects, contractors and subcontractors draw 30-percent of their workforce from the Representative District within which the project is located, and 5-percent of their workforce from among eligible Delaware veterans; and

**Co-Sponsors:**

**Council  
Members  
Wright  
Dorsey Walker  
Williams  
M. Brown  
Chukwuocha**

**WHEREAS**, this legislation is poised to have a significant impact in securing employment for Delawareans throughout the State, and in mobilizing the local community through applicable State-funded projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council seeks to express its support of this legislation and the promise it shows to help support employment for Wilmingtonians.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON**, that the Council supports House Bill No. 283, and respectfully encourages State representatives throughout Delaware to support the measure – and by extension, the hiring of local residents in Wilmington and beyond to put their skills to work on State-funded construction, public works and improvement projects throughout Delaware.

Passed by City Council,  
April 7, 2016

Attest: Maribel Seija  
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 7<sup>th</sup>  
day of April, 2016.

James Shels  
Assistant City Solicitor