

**QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND  
WITHIN A RURAL AREA REQUESTING WAIVER OF LOCAL  
FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND WAIVER OF AVERAGE WAGE**

RESOLUTION NUMBER   N/A  

**A RESOLUTION BY THE TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS THE GOVERNING BOARD OF TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOMMENDING PROJECT FREEDOM BE APPROVED AS QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY BUSINESS PRUSUANT TO S.288.106, FLORIDA STATUTES; AFFIRMING THE SITE OF THIS PROJECT IS WITHIN A DEFINED RURAL AREA; REQUESTING A WAIVER OF LOCAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT; REQUESTING A WAIVER OF THE AVERAGE WAGE REQUIREMENT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:**

**WHEREAS**, the business under consideration is a public traded manufacturing business that is considering locating a manufacturing facility to Taylor county, specifically, **PROJECT FREEDOM**; and

**WHEREAS, PROJECT FREEDOM** is expected to create 52 new jobs at an average annual wage of \$38,560.00, providing benefits, including major medical insurance, a 401(K) matching contribution program, paid vacation, and sick leave; and

**WHEREAS, PROJECT FREEDOM** plans to bring a capital investment in excess of \$200 million, including equipment and construction of a new 80,000 square foot facility; and

**WHEREAS, PROJECT FREEDOM** has been identified as a Targeted Industry Business; and

**WHEREAS, PROJECT FREEDOM** intends to locate in Taylor County which has been designated as a rural area of critical economic concern; and

**WHEREAS**, the location within Taylor County meets the definition of a Rural Community pursuant to s.288.106(2)(P)(2), Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of this rural location **PROJECT FREEDOM** is eligible for a waiver of the average wage requirement, as authorized by s.288.106(4)(b)1.b, Florida Statutes, provided there is sufficient justification of such waiver; and

**WHEREAS**, due to this location **PROJECT FREEDOM**, as the Applicant, is eligible for the local financial support exemption option of the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program authorized for Rural Community under s.288.106(2)(i), Florida Statutes, and desires to exercise that option;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that the board hereby recommends **PROJECT FREEDOM** is approved as a Qualified Target Industry Business pursuant to s.288.106, Florida Statutes.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD OF TAYLOR COUNTY** requests that waiver from the 115% average wage requirement of s.288.106(4)(b)1.a, Florida Statutes, be granted because due to the recognized economic distress of Taylor County, and the overwhelming need for any jobs in our community but especially those that provide medical coverage.

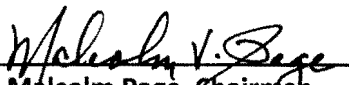
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD OF TAYLOR COUNTY** requests that a waiver of the local financial support be granted as authorized under the Qualified Target Industry Refund Program, pursuant to s.288.106(2)(k)(l), Florida Statutes.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**DULY ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2014.



**TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS, GOVERNING BOARD  
OF TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA**

  
Malcolm Page, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
ANNIE MAE MURPHY, CLERK