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## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H.B. 153 THE WORKING OFFICIALS REQUIREMENTS KEY ACT OF THE 133<sup>RD</sup> OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## Resolution No. 05202019-2

The Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, Ohio, met on the 20th day of May, 2019, in regular session at the offices of said Board in the Administration Building, Georgetown, Ohio, with the following members present:

Barry Woodruff

Daryll Gray

Tony Applegate

The following resolution was presented by Mr. Gray, who moved its adoption, and seconded by Mr. Woodruff.

Whereas, State Representative John Becker of the 65<sup>th</sup> District introduced H.B. 153, the Working Officials Requirements Key Act or WORK Act in the Ohio House of Representatives, 133<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, on March 20, 2019; and

Whereas, H.B. 153, the WORK Act, is currently pending before the State and Local Government Committee of the Ohio House of Representatives; and

Whereas, the current law regarding work requirements for elected county officers is sorely outdated and only requires most elected county officers to perform their duties of office once every ninety consecutive days; and

Whereas, H.B. 153, the WORK Act, would require all elected county officers to perform the duties of their respective offices at their principal office locations on at least five out of thirty consecutive days by amending current law, specifically, Ohio Revised Code 305.03(A); and

Whereas, H.B. 153, the WORK Act, creates a legal process for a vacancy of office determination, which does not exist under current law, by the filing of a complaint in writing with the clerk of court of common pleas of the county where the officer resides; and

Whereas, H.B. 153, the WORK Act, would continue provisions that exist under current law, which allow for absence exceptions for elected county officers for sickness or injury or while in the active military service of the United States; and

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners, Brown County, Ohio, fully believes that all elected county officers shall perform their respective duties of office at all times with diligence, efficiency, and with their absolute full attention; and

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners, Brown County, Ohio, fully believes the taxpayers deserve elected county officers who properly and meritoriously earn their respective government paychecks.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners, Brown County, Ohio, that the Board hereby supports the enactment of H.B. 153, the Working Officials Requirements Key Act or WORK Act now pending before the 133<sup>rd</sup> Ohio General Assembly.

Upon call of the roll:

Barry Woodruff

Daryll Gray

Tony Applegate

Whereupon the resolution was declared adopted.

Adopted this 20th day of May, 2019.

ATTEST:

Sarah Beath, Clerk

**Board of County Commissioners** 

Brown County, Ohio