

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2015

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TO PASS LEGISLATION DURING THE 2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM WAGE FOR THE ENTIRE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, CONSISTENT WITH THE INCREASES MADE IN LOUISVILLE.

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WHEREAS, Louisville has been recognized as a Compassionate City and has taken steps to help lift working families out of poverty, decrease income inequality, and boost our economy.

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Council passed legislation, signed into law by Mayor Greg Fischer on January 2, 2015, whereby the minimum wage in Louisville was increased to \$7.75 per hour beginning July 1, 2015, with continued increases of \$8.25 per hour beginning on July 1, 2016, \$9.00 per hour beginning July 1, 2017, and beginning July 1, 2018 and each subsequent year having the minimum wage increased in amounts corresponding to the previous calendar year's increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for the south urban region as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor or its successor index.

WHEREAS, Louisville's increase in the minimum wage is codified in LMCO Chapter 112.

WHEREAS, since the passage of amendments to LMCO Chapter 112 described above, Louisville's unemployment rate has dropped.

WHEREAS, Louisville believes that the increase in its minimum wage has greatly helped low income families and that an increase in the minimum wage throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky would benefit all of Kentucky's low income families and improve Kentucky's economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: That Louisville Metro Council requests the General Assembly of Kentucky to pass legislation during the 2016 Legislative Session to increase the minimum wage for the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky, consistent with the increases made in Louisville.

SECTION II: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

H. Stephen Ott
Metro Council Clerk

David W. Tandy
President of the Council

Greg Fischer
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Michael J. O'Connell
Jefferson County Attorney

BY: _____