

Princeton Community Democratic Organization

Resolution

**IN SUPPORT OF \$15/HOUR NJ MINIMUM WAGE
AND RIGHT OF WORKERS TO ORGANIZE**

A RESOLUTION relating to the movement for a real living wage; calling for a statewide minimum wage of \$15 an hour for work performed in New Jersey; and in support of the right of workers to organize.

WHEREAS, inequalities continue to grow with the top 1% now taking 95 percent of all new income and President Barack Obama calling income inequality the "defining issue of our time."

WHEREAS, the Fight for \$15 movement began in 2012 with the walk out of fast food workers in New York City, but has since grown to include the demand for a real living wage for all and has taken root in communities across New Jersey and the United States.

WHEREAS, the movement to raise pay for workers, boost their purchasing power of the community, and strengthen the economy has inspired a renewed wave of union organizing among low wage workers.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey minimum wage of \$8.38 an hour is a poverty wage for a single adult. Yet, three-fourths of those working at the current minimum wage are over 20 years old and the majority are the sole providers for their families.

WHEREAS, in 2015, Governor Christie has seen fit to raise the salary of his staff by 23%, despite opposing an even modest increase for New Jersey's low wage workers.

WHEREAS, many workers and their families cannot fully participate in our state's dynamic civic life or pursue the myriad educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities that constitute a flourishing life because many struggle to meet their households' most basic needs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Princeton Community Democratic Organization (PCDO) hereby supports a minimum hourly wage of \$15.00 and the right of workers to organize, and calls upon the New Jersey State Legislature and the New Jersey State Governor to immediately implement legislation aimed at this objective; and

That a copy of this resolution be presented to Governor Christie; Senate President Sweeney; Assembly Speaker Prieto; Members of the NJ 16th District Legislative Delegation; Members of the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders; and the Mayor and Members of Council of Princeton, NJ.

Endorsed by the Executive Board on January 9, 2016

Adopted by the General Membership of the PCDO on January 31, 2016

Signed by: 
Owen O'Donnell, President, Princeton Community Democratic Organization

on this day February 18, 2016