

WHEREAS, In the Northampton area, the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center estimates that 30% of wage earners, or 19,517 people, would benefit from increasing the minimum wage to \$15 by 2022; and

WHEREAS, Raising the minimum wage boosts the local economy by giving low wage workers more take home pay to spend locally;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council supports an incremental increase of the minimum wage to \$15 and indexing the minimum wage to future increases in the cost of living.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to accomplish this, the City Council supports legislation in the spirit of H.2365 and S.1004.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrative Assistant to the City Council shall cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, the Governor, the Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development, Rep. Donohue and Sen. Friedman as well as Rep. Peter Kocot.

In City Council, December 21, 2017
Passed First Reading, on Roll Call Vote of 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention (Councilor Murphy)

Attest: Laura Kruttschnitt , Clerk of Council

In City Council, January 18, 2018
Passed Second Reading, on Roll Call Vote of 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention (Councilor Murphy)

Attest: Laura Kruttschnitt , Clerk of Council

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.
I hereby certify that the above Resolution passed the Northampton City Council in second reading on January 18, 2018

Attest: Laura Kruttschnitt , Clerk of Council