

**IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI**

**A RESOLUTION** offering support for the initiative to increase the minimum wage.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19103**, March 21, 2016

**INTRODUCED BY** Alfred Jordan and Crystal Williams, County Legislators

WHEREAS, the City Council of Kansas City, Missouri, desires to increase the minimum wage payable to workers within the City to an amount above the current state minimum wage of \$7.65; and,

WHEREAS, that effort was halted by the Missouri General Assembly when Missouri legislators overrode the Governor's veto of legislation blocking local municipalities from enacting their own minimum wage increases; and,

WHEREAS, nationally, civil rights organizations have led initiatives to increase the minimum wage to boost workers' standard of living and decrease poverty; and,

WHEREAS, an increase to the minimum wage is also believed to boost employee morale, decrease job turnover, and spark an increase in consumer spending; and,

WHEREAS, it is now up to the Missouri General Assembly or a statewide initiative petition to overturn the current minimum wage standards in the state; and,


WHEREAS, the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, in St. Louis is now considering the question of whether the Missouri Minimum Wage Law preempts local minimum wage ordinance; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature pledges its support for a reasonable increase in the minimum wage in Missouri and urges the Missouri General Assembly to enact an increase during its 2016 session; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, should an appellate court find the Missouri Minimum Wage Law does not preempt local action, the Mayor and City Council of Kansas City, Missouri should again consider adoption of a local minimum wage.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Chief Deputy County Counselor

  
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County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 19103 of March 21, 2016, was duly passed on March 28, 2016 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 7 Nays 0

Abstaining 2 Absent 0

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Date

  
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Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature