

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2020 Legislative Session

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Resolution No. 143-2020

Introduced by: Liz Walsh

A Resolution declaring policy support by the Howard County Council for the “Fight For \$15” Coalition, which successfully advocated for the passage and eventual enactment of a phased-in \$15 per hour minimum wage for Marylanders, and for maintaining the first minimum wage phase-in as enacted, effective January 1, 2021.

Introduced and read first time on September 8, 2020.

By order Diane Schwartz Jones
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on September 21, 2020.

By order Diane Schwartz Jones
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments ___, Failed ___, Withdrawn ___ by the County Council on October 5, 2020.

Certified by Diane Schwartz Jones
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

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WHEREAS, while the present and near-future economic circumstances for Maryland generally may be uncertain and rather bleak, for working families the financial strain resulting from COVID-19 is certain to be much worse; and

WHEREAS, the Howard County Council accordingly believes that now is not the time to delay the January 1, 2021-scheduled increase to Maryland’s minimum wage, and that the Board of Public Works should decline to exercise its discretion to do so; and

WHEREAS, along with many elected officials from across the State of Maryland, the Howard County Council fully supports the goals of the Fight For \$15 Coalition to protect Maryland’s essential workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that we hereby declare our full support of the goals of the Fight For \$15 Coalition, and for maintaining the first scheduled increase to Maryland’s minimum wage enacted by the Maryland General Assembly in 2019, effective January 1, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to:

- The Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor, State of Maryland
- The Honorable Peter V.R. Franchot, Comptroller,
- The Honorable Nancy K. Kopp, Treasurer
- The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, House Speaker
- The Honorable William C. Ferguson, IV, Senate President