

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2018 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-5-2018

Proposed by Council Members Glaros, Turner, Lehman, Davis, Harrison and Franklin

Introduced by Council Members Glaros, Turner, Davis, Harrison, Franklin, Taveras

Toles and Patterson

Date of Introduction January 30, 2018

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 State of Maryland Fight for \$15

3 For the purpose of expressing the Council’s support for state legislation to increase the minimum
4 wage to \$15 an hour by 2023.

5 WHEREAS, the federal minimum wage is just \$7.25 an hour and has not increased since
6 2009; and

7 WHEREAS, the County Council enacted Council Bill 94-2013 and joined Montgomery
8 County and the District of Columbia to establish a minimum wage of \$11.50 an hour by 2017;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, since the Fight for \$15 movement was launched by striking fast-food workers
11 in 2012, three states representing approximately 18% of the U.S. workforce – California, New
12 York, and the District of Columbia – have approved raising their minimum wages to \$15 an
13 hour; and

14 WHEREAS, a \$15 minimum wage in the State of Maryland would begin to reverse decades
15 of growing pay inequality between the lowest-paid worker and the middle class; and

16 WHEREAS, it is anticipated that a bill will be introduced during the 2018 General
17 Assembly session to raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2023; and

18 WHEREAS, the Council supports a Statewide bill that increases the minimum wage to \$15
19 an hour by 2023 provided the following is considered: 1) a Statewide minimum wage is adjusted
20 for inflation annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index; 2) the wages of tipped
21 workers are addressed; 3) the exemptions, or alternative minimum wages for employees of youth
22 and seasonal employees are reviewed; and 4) an increase in the Developmental Disabilities

1 Administration rate for wages for direct service providers is addressed.

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Council of Prince George's
3 County, Maryland, that the County Council is expressing support for Statewide legislation that
4 increases the minimum wage to \$15 an hour.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council supports a Statewide bill that increases the
6 minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2023 provided the following is considered: 1) a Statewide
7 minimum wage is adjusted for inflation annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index;
8 2) the wages of tipped workers are addressed; 3) the exemptions, or alternative minimum wages
9 for employees of youth and seasonal employees are reviewed; and 4) an increase in the
10 Developmental Disabilities Administration rate for wages for direct service providers is
11 addressed.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Council shall forward a copy of this
13 Resolution to the Honorable Governor of Maryland, the Honorable President of the Maryland
14 State Senate, the Honorable Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, and the Honorable
15 Chairs of the Prince George's County Senate and House Delegations of the Maryland General
16 Assembly.

Adopted this 30th day of January , 2018.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Dannielle M. Glaros
Chair

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council