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WHEREAS, inequalities continue to grow with the top 1% now taking 95 percent of all new income; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama has called income inequality the “defining issue of our time;” and

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; and

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

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; and

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 BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THAT:

1. The Municipal Council of the City of Newark 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 Governor of the State of New Jersey to immediately implement legislation aimed at this objective.
2. A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted upon adoption by the Office of the City Clerk to the New Jersey Working Families Alliance, Senate President Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Prieto, and Members of the Essex County Legislative Delegation.

STATEMENT

A resolution calling for the implementation of legislation for a minimum wage of \$15.00 for work performed in New Jersey and in support of the right of workers to organize.