



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. _____

RESOLUTION

R117 - 2018

Introduced by City Council and the Administration on October 3, 2018

Recommends the State House and Senate Adopt Representative Patty Kim's HB1520 of 2017 raising the minimum wage incrementally to \$15 by 2024

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hasn't raised the minimum wage since 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Allentown, PA understands the added economic burden of rising costs of living have far outpaced increases in wages; and

WHEREAS, the current minimum wage puts a full-time worker below the poverty line for a family of 2 and up; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Allentown, PA believes raising the minimum wage to be economically sound, and morally just; and

WHEREAS, several cities across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, have submitted similar resolutions or tried to raise their minimum wages despite state preemption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Allentown hereby encourages the State House and Senate to adopt PA-17's HB 1520 to gradually increase the minimum wage to \$15/hr by 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the increase in minimum wage follow the following schedule:

- \$12.50 per hour, effective January 1st, 2019
- \$13.00 per hour, effective January 1st, 2020
- \$13.50 per hour, effective January 1st, 2021
- \$14.00 per hour, effective January 1st, 2022
- \$14.50 per hour, effective January 1st, 2023
- \$15.00 per hour, effective January 1st, 2024

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Resolution be sent to elected state officials in the Lehigh Valley asking for support of such measures