
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 1179 Session of
2018

INTRODUCED BY DeLUCA, HILL-EVANS, KINSEY, DRISCOLL, YOUNGBLOOD,
CALTAGIRONE, STURLA, VAZQUEZ, KORTZ, NEILSON, READSHAW AND
J. McNEILL, NOVEMBER 2, 2018

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY, NOVEMBER 2, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Amazon for raising its minimum wage to \$15 per hour.

2 WHEREAS, On October 2, 2018, Amazon's CEO, Jeff Bezos,
3 announced that Amazon will increase its minimum wage to \$15 per
4 hour, affecting more than 250,000 employees and 100,000 seasonal
5 employees; and

6 WHEREAS, Amazon is a company with a market capitalization of
7 nearly \$1 trillion; and

8 WHEREAS, Amazon is the only company in the United States to
9 offer all of its employees a guaranteed hourly wage of \$15 per
10 hour; and

11 WHEREAS, Boosting the wages of workers increases their
12 income, providing them with more to spend on goods, which then
13 stimulates the economy and allows even more jobs to be created;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, On June 28, 2018, Governor Tom Wolf signed an
16 Executive Order which immediately increases the minimum wage for
17 executive branch employees to \$12 per hour and raises the

1 minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2024; and

2 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's and the national minimum wage are
3 unchanged since 2009 at \$7.25 per hour; and

4 WHEREAS, The average minimum pay worker is 36 years old,
5 works full time and earns half of the family total income; and

6 WHEREAS, Approximately 56% of minimum wage workers are women,
7 89% are over the age of 20 and 37% are over the age of 40; and

8 WHEREAS, Twenty-eight percent of the women who work for
9 minimum wage have children; and

10 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania should act expeditiously to increase
11 its minimum wage and give hundreds of thousands of
12 Pennsylvanians a pay raise; and

13 WHEREAS, Increasing the minimum wage by \$1.75 increases
14 earnings for 400,000 Pennsylvanians by an estimated \$840 million
15 per year; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
17 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania honor Amazon for increasing its
18 minimum wage to \$15 per hour; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly follow Amazon and
20 Governor Wolf and swiftly enact legislation increasing the
21 minimum wage; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That all companies make a good-faith effort to
23 increase their minimum wage to \$15 per hour; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
25 the corporate headquarters of Amazon in Seattle, Washington.