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RESOLUTION: Increasing the present North Carolina minimum wage.

WHEREAS the North Carolina minimum wage is \$7.25 per hour and last increased on July 24, 2009. Since then the cost of living has increased considerably.

WHEREAS, the minimum wage increases consumer purchasing power, increases workers' standards of living, reduces poverty, and stimulates the economy, and

WHEREAS, the federal standard for a work year is 2080 hours, and a person working a full time job at the minimum wage in North Carolina at \$7.25 per hour earns \$15,080 annually - an amount that is less than the federal poverty level for a family of two. and

WHEREAS, individuals and families living in poverty consume less, and require more services

WHEREAS twenty one (21) states plus DC have already raised the minimum wage above \$7.25 per hour.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Democratic Party of New Hanover County NC urge the North Carolina Senate to increase the minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour to \$10.10 per hour with a clause that it be reviewed every two (2) years in an effort to keep it in line with the cost of living in North Carolina.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that passage of this RESOLUTION by the Annual Convention of New Hanover County Democratic Party will be forwarded to the North Carolina Democratic Party for consideration and will also be sent to all Members of the North Carolina Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by Precinct MO 6 on March 9, 2014



Phyllis A. Millette, Precinct Chair

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