

**Amendment to  
Intro. 17-4 (2015)  
September 16, 2015**

Amend Intro. 17-4 (2015) to read as follows:

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo has recently begun a campaign to raise the statewide minimum wage to \$15 an hour following a seemingly successful campaign to increase the hourly wage for fast food workers; and

WHEREAS, the proposal would force small businesses to double the salaries of some employees, potentially leading to an increase in prices as well as layoffs; and

WHEREAS, forcing small businesses to pay employees \$15 an hour would be another state mandate that could lead to increased prices and eventual layoffs; and

WHEREAS, New York State is already one of the most expensive states to live in, and therefore elected officials should work on lowering costs paid by taxpayers, not making life in New York more expensive; and

WHEREAS, a large scale jump in the minimum wage will only serve to make New York even less attractive to businesses than it already is and in doing so decrease the state's job growth and economic development; and

WHEREAS, raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour is expected to have significant negative consequences, including a reduction in available jobs, which would hinder the ability for residents, especially young people, to gain employment and start on the right track to a successful life; and

WHEREAS, Gov. Cuomo is failing to show strong leadership and concern for the betterment of all of New York State by pushing his personal agenda under the guise of a proposal that will have vast negative consequences and negatively impact New York State's ability to attract new residents and grow its economy..

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this honorable body hereby opposes Governor Cuomo's plan to raise minimum wage to \$15 an hour across the state, and encourages the Governor to look into cost saving steps that help make New York more attractive to everyone; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this honorable body urges the New York State Senate and Assembly to oppose the arbitrary statewide wage hike forced on them by Governor Cuomo; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Western New York delegation to the New York State Senate and Assembly, the Governor of the State of New York, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

**Fiscal Impact: None**

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY  
LEGISLATOR LORIGO**

**Re: Opposition to Increase in Minimum Wage**

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo has been pushing for a statewide increase in the minimum wage rate for fast food workers and has recently begun using that as a platform for a statewide raise in the minimum wage for workers across the board; and

WHEREAS, the proposal would force small businesses to increase the salaries of their employees, which, in turn, will lead to an increase in prices and pressure them to lay-off at least some of their workforce; and

WHEREAS, New York State is one of the most expensive states to live in nationally, elected officials should work on lowering costs paid by taxpayers not just transfer those costs to businesses; and

WHEREAS, a large scale jump in the minimum wage will only serve to make New York even less attractive to businesses than it already is and in doing so decrease the state's job growth; and

WHEREAS, with few jobs available fewer people will be able to move-up and better themselves or even get a start on life, and many of the youth in NYS will have even fewer employment opportunities than they do now; and

WHEREAS, this political stunt played by the governor to get votes puts the burden of passing this controversial and far-reaching regulation on the State Legislature and will have consequences beyond increasing the salaries of our minimum wage labor many of which will negatively impact the desirability of our state as a place to live and raise a family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this honorable body hereby opposes Governor Cuomo's plan to raise minimum wages across the state and encourages the Governor look into cost saving steps to help make New York more attractive to businesses; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this honorable body urges the Senate and Assembly to oppose the arbitrary statewide wage hike forced on them by Governor Cuomo; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Western New York delegation to the New York State Senate and Assembly, the Governor of the State of New York, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None