

2015 Biennial Convention

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #1

RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE

WHEREAS: This Labor Council recognizes it is our role within the North Florida community to be the voice of working people both represented by an AFL-CIO affiliated union and those who do not work under that benefit, but whom still need a voice in political and social matters which affect all working people; and

WHEREAS: Work should be both sustaining and gainful and the current minimum wages established by the State of Florida are, in fact, poverty wages by any measure; and

WHEREAS: Dwight Bullard, Florida Senator from Miami has filed Senate Bill 6 (SB 6) for the 2016 Legislative Session, which enumerates a wage of fifteen (\$15.00) dollars per hour; and

WHEREAS: Workers in Florida earning the state minimum wage of eight dollars and five cents (\$8.05) per hour, do not in any county of Florida earn what would be considered a living wage; and

WHEREAS: Most workers in the State of Florida do not enjoy union representation, and Florida law disallows municipalities from setting local minimum wages, and therefore working Floridians are only protected by the actions of our State Legislature; and

WHEREAS: The Florida AFL-CIO is the body best suited to advocate for the gainful wage proposed by Sen. Bullard, and fully supported by the North Florida Central Labor Council by unanimous vote of it's Executive Board and general body of members; and

WHEREAS: Collectively working with the membership of the entire Florida AFL-CIO, we are best able to achieve the passage of a fifteen (\$15.00) per hour wage for every Floridian;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Florida AFL-CIO will fully and with the full force of its organizational power, advocate for the passage of Senate Bill 6, and vocally and unequivocally consider among its top priorities the passage of a \$15.00 per hour minimum wage for ALL workers in the State of Florida, including those currently categorized as agricultural or tipped service employees.

Respectfully Submitted:
Russell Harper, President
North Florida AFL-CIO

Adopted 9/27/15 Amended: _____
Rejected _____
Withdrawn _____

