

1 **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EFFORTS TO RAISE OHIO'S**
2 **MINIMUM WAGE**

3 WHEREAS, Ohio's minimum wage is \$8.10 per hour for full-time workers and \$4.05 per hour for tipped
4 workers, and

5 WHEREAS, an estimated 1,797,000 people in Ohio are poor, 340,000 families are determined to be poor
6 and 79 of Ohio's 88 counties had significantly higher poverty rates during 2009- 2013 than they had in
7 1999, and Ohio's current minimum wage does not afford an employee a livable income that can meet
8 basic needs, and

9 WHEREAS, the Ohio Fair Wage Amendment would raise Ohio's minimum wage to \$10.00 per hour on
10 January 1, 2017, and \$0.50 per hour each year after until it reaches \$12.00 per hour in 2021, and would
11 raise tipped employee wages to \$6.00 per hour in 2017 with yearly increases of \$1.00 per hour until it
12 equals the full minimum wage, and

13 WHEREAS, proposed petition language has been approved by Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine and
14 the Ohio Ballot Board has certified the Ohio Fair Wage Amendment, therefore

15 BE IT RESOLVED, the Cincinnati Federation of Teachers (CFT) supports efforts to raise Ohio's minimum
16 wage, and therefore

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the CFT and its locals pledge assistance in collecting signatures to place the
18 initiative on the November 2016 ballot.

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Passed on May 11, 2016