



Resolution No. 2019/20-15
Date: September 11, 2019

**Resolution in Support of a City of Santa Rosa Ordinance
Raising the Minimum Wage to \$15.00 per hour effective January 1, 2020**

WHEREAS, California Department of Education data indicates that the families of over fifty percent of the students in Santa Rosa City Schools are eligible for free or reduced lunch; and

WHEREAS, the University of California, Berkeley Labor Center indicated in their report, the Estimated Impact of a Proposed Minimum Wage Law for the North Bay, that a single wage earner in Santa Rosa needs more than \$15.00 per hour to meet basic needs, this wage would improve the lives of workers and their families, and their increased spending would stimulate the city's economy and provide employers with a more stable and productive workforce; and

WHEREAS, the cost of housing in Santa Rosa is one of the highest in the nation as reported in a June 2019 USA TODAY analysis of data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and Zillow that placed Santa Rosa as the fifth most expensive city in the nation for teachers in rent as a percentage of salary; and

WHEREAS, the majority of Santa Rosa City Schools students and families reside in the City of Santa Rosa and many would see wage increases due to such a minimum wage increase;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Rosa City Schools Board of Education supports the City of Santa Rosa ordinance raising the minimum wage to \$15.00 per hour effective January 1, 2020; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution will be communicated to the City of Santa Rosa Mayor Tom Schwedhelm and the Santa Rosa City Council before the Santa Rosa City Council meeting on October 1, 2019.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of September, 2019.

Stephanie Manieri, Clerk of the Board