

## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FIGHT FOR \$15 CAMPAIGN**

**Whereas**, the fast-food worker campaigns have evolved into a global phenomenon, with protests from São Paulo to Auckland, from Wendy's to Starbucks to Sukiya beef bowl, and to McDonalds in AZ, have highlighted the fast food workers' plight of the extreme inequality that plagues communities across the country, and

**Whereas**, the campaign has exposed stories of extreme hardships besetting workers, who often earn less than \$9 per hour—getting shorted on pay, relying on food stamps, living in homeless shelters—the protests have helped push the \$15 wage demand to the center of economic policy debates, and

**Whereas**, the movement has helped springboard other campaigns to raise wages through local policy initiatives and in other low-wage sectors, and

**Whereas**, labor groups at other low-wage retailers like Walmart have also included the \$15 wage demand in their campaigns for better working conditions. Some retailers have even gone the other direction, touting relatively high wages as part of their social branding, and

**Whereas**, despite the protests' symbolic political value, the fast-food sector itself has not seen specific material gains, like a sector-wide wage hike. This is in large part because the industry runs on decentralized franchise operations, which impedes centralized organizing,

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the Arizona Democratic Party strongly supports the Fight for \$15 campaign, and requests, in writing, that all groups affiliated with the ADP such as clubs and county committees also support the \$15 campaign.

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