

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF WOODBURY COUNTY, IOWA:  
RESOLUTION # 12,434**

WHEREAS, wages and income affect the ability of individuals and families to provide for themselves and the freedom to pursue their own happiness; and

WHEREAS, the proper role of Woodbury County as a local government is to provide the conditions for sound economic growth and act as partners with other local jurisdictions and governmental bodies in the region; and

WHEREAS, Woodbury County has recently renewed a cooperative relationship with increased communication and cooperation with the City of Sioux City on a major economic development project with the Ag Expo Center as part of a transformative Reinvestment District; and

WHEREAS, a majority of Woodbury County's employers reside in the City of Sioux City and the City of Sergeant Bluff and the county respects the right of self-governance and "government closest to the people," a city council, to decide if a historically state or federal issue should be decided otherwise; and

WHEREAS, other valued communities within rural Woodbury County — Merville, Sloan, Lawton, Correctionville, Anthon, Pierson, Salix, Danbury, Bronson, Hornick, Smithland, Cushing, and Oto— who desire to increase higher minimum wages in their respective cities have the ability to do so without the imposition of the County; and

WHEREAS, many job creators in Woodbury County pay far above the state and federal minimum wage, which are entry-level wages into the workforce; and

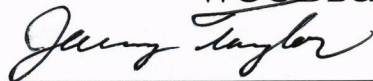
WHEREAS, Woodbury County focuses on entrepreneurial conditions wherein job creators desire to startup, expand, or relocate with partners like the Siouxland Initiative and other private industry that has contributed to the conditions wherein job creators have created unprecedented capital investment in our region and high-paying jobs far above the state or federal minimum wage; and

WHEREAS, the current data for Woodbury County/Sioux City "laborshed" according to the Iowa Economic Development Authority has risen for five years consecutively and is now on average \$16.81 per hour regionally and \$18.72 per hour in Sioux City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors champions economic growth and higher living wages for all residents in keeping with the best tradition of improving quality of life and the pursuit of economic and individual prosperity.

BE IT SO RESOLVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

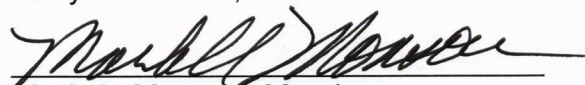
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