

Living Wage

WHEREAS The minimum wage in the State of Texas will be \$6.55 per hour in July, 2008, which for a full time worker, yields \$13,624 per year, which is \$3500.00 below the poverty level for a family of three; and

WHEREAS The poverty level wage is approximately one half of what a family of three needs to have a living wage, that is, to live without dependence on social services in Texas; and

WHEREAS Studies have shown that raising the minimum wage does not result in the feared loss of jobs; and

WHEREAS All people, regardless of their occupation deserve a wage sufficient to be an incentive to productivity and pride, and allow them to adequately provide for themselves and their families; be it therefore be it

RESOLVED That the State Legislature enact legislation to require employers to pay at least \$11.00 per hour to all hourly employees, regardless of any benefits that are provided; and be it further

RESOLVED That the State Legislature pass legislation to require employers to pay "time and a half" to all hourly employees who work over 40 hours per week.

Submitted to and Adopted by Precinct Number _____, _____ County

Precinct Convention Secretary (signature) _____ on _____ (date)

Submitted to and Adopted by State Sen. District _____, _____ County

Sen. District/Co. Secretary (signature) _____ on _____ (date)