

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY

## STATEMENT FROM GOVERNOR MURPHY ON THE NEED FOR A \$15/HOUR MINIMUM WAGE

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As we celebrate the start of a new year, New Jersey's minimum wage workers are getting a 25 cents an hour raise to \$8.85 an hour.

But this raise isn't worth celebrating. For a full-time worker, that raise will amount to only \$500 more across the entire year – \$2 a day – not enough to lift them or their family from poverty, and not enough to spur economic growth.

I have been working with the Legislature to raise the minimum wage statewide to \$15 an hour and hope we will be able to get this done early in the new year. When we do, our working families will have a 2019 worth celebrating.

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