

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY

## STATEMENT BY GOVERNOR MURPHY ON COOPER UNIVERSITY HEALTH CARE RAISING ITS MINIMUM WAGE TO \$15 AN HOUR FOR ALL EMPLOYEES

"I applaud the leadership of Cooper University Health Care for raising its minimum wage to \$15 an hour for all employees. As the first health care system in New Jersey to raise its minimum wage to \$15 an hour, Cooper Hospital is making a meaningful long-term investment in both its workforce and in the local economy.

"For the more than one million New Jersey workers who are not employed by Cooper Hospital and earn less than \$15 an hour, the Legislature needs to act now to close the wage gap and give working families the boost they need to afford life's essentials and build for a strong future. I urge the Legislature to translate words into action and pass a minimum wage of \$15/hour for every working family in New Jersey this holiday season."

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