

1 RESOLUTION 1192

2 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING COLORADO'S 2016 BALLOT MEASURE DESIGNATED
3 AS AMENDMENT 70, WHICH WOULD RAISE THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE

4 **FINDINGS**

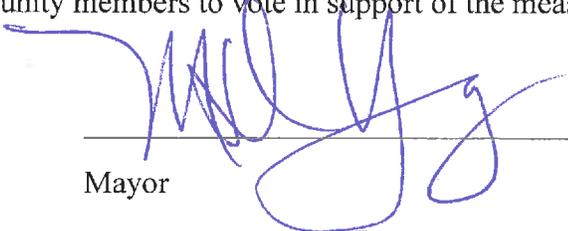
5 The City of Boulder City Council finds as follows:

- 6 1. On Tuesday, November 8, 2016, Colorado voters will have the opportunity to vote for
7 Amendment 70 which would increase the minimum wage of Coloradans from \$8.21 an
8 hour to \$9.30, with annual increases of \$.90 thereafter until the wage reaches \$12 by
9 2020, and cost-of living adjustments thereafter.
- 10 2. According to the Economic Policy Institute, a nonprofit nonpartisan think tank working
11 to include the needs of low- and middle-income workers in economic policy, a raise in
12 the minimum wage to \$12 would increase the wages of 394,000 Coloradans, a large
13 amount whom would be women, minorities and parents of children.
- 14 3. Raising the minimum wage also would reduce Coloradans' reliance on safety nets like
15 Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program and the Supplemental Nutrition
16 Assistance Program (SNAP).
- 17 4. Currently 10 states have adopted a minimum wage at or greater than \$9.00/hour,
18 including Massachusetts and California which have had a rate of \$10.00 in place since
19 January 1st, 2016.
- 20 5. The City of Boulder's Resolution 926, committing the city to pay all standard full-time
21 City of Boulder employees no less than 120 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for
22 a family of four, was expanded in February, 2016 to include all standard part-time and
23 seasonal workers. The 2016 Living Wage rate is \$14.02. The city is currently analyzing
24 an expansion of its Living Wage Resolution to include other categories of workers and an
25 increase in the Living Wage at a rate between \$14.02/hour to \$17.97/hour.

26 **RESOLUTION**

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Boulder City Council fully supports
28 increasing the minimum wage as proposed by Amendment 70, believes it would have a positive
29 impact on all of Colorado and urges its community members to vote in support of the measure.

30 Resolved this 20th day of September, 2016

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Mayor

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Mayor Pro Tem