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## Monroe County Clerk Jamie Romeo Statement on Raising Minimum Wage for County Workers

May 17, 2021 (Rochester, NY) Monroe County Clerk Jamie Romeo today released the following statement"

"I commend County Executive Adam Bello on today's announcement to move Monroe County's minimum wage to \$15 an hour for both County workers and contracted vendors. The men and women who make up the County workforce are some of the most dedicated public servants, committed to keeping the community moving forward in the midst of a public health crisis. At a time when the world was told to stay home, Monroe County workers continued to show up, keeping the public infrastructure working, the local economy moving, and essential services available to the public.

Previous Administrations have increased the demands on workers without paying them appropriately. This is a step that will help to change the workplace environment of undervaluing and neglecting County employees. I am proud to be a partner in government with an Administration that values workers.

As County Clerk, I have been honored to work alongside some of the best and brightest public servants. I am happy that this proposal is moving forward, it's long overdue. Monroe County will only be as strong as its workforce that we invest in."