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**SHELBY COUNTY MAYOR LEE HARRIS URGES STATE OF TENNESSEE TO IMPLEMENT
MINIMUM WAGE OF AT LEAST \$15 PER HOUR**

Mayor Harris' team will present his full legislative agenda today to state officials who represent Shelby County.

Shelby County, TN – Today, Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris released his administration's recommendations for the upcoming session of the Tennessee General Assembly. Mayor Harris' priorities center around legislative actions that support youth and families, increase public safety, improve access to healthcare, and strengthen our democracy. One of Mayor Harris' top legislative priorities is the adoption of a state-wide minimum wage of at least \$15. Additionally, Mayor Harris' legislative agenda includes requests for more funding for youth and adult mental health supports, state funding for county veteran's services officers, and a robust slate of public safety recommendations being made jointly by the offices of Mayor Lee Harris, District Attorney General Steve Mulroy, and Juvenile Court Judge Tarik Sugarmon.

Shelby County Government increased its minimum wage to \$15 in 2018. Since that time, Mayor Harris' administration has raised the minimum wage to \$16.

Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris: "It is past time for the State of Tennessee to adopt a minimum wage of at least \$15 per hour. Today, I sent a slate of legislative recommendations to our Shelby County delegation. Our priorities include a robust joint public safety agenda prepared with DA Mulroy and Judge Sugarmon. We also really dial in on the important issues of access to healthcare, efforts to strengthen our democracy, and support for working families. The best way we can support working families is to do everything we can to ensure that Tennesseans receive a fair day's wage for a fair day's work."

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