

Resolution 2: Unity and Support for the African Diaspora

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Calling for Unity and Support for the African Diaspora Through Targeted Relationships

WHEREAS, people of African descent across the globe share a common history and cultural heritage that binds communities together across continents; and

WHEREAS, the African Diaspora, which includes millions of descendants of Africa living throughout the Americas, Europe, the Caribbean, and beyond, represents tremendous contributions in the areas of governance, commerce, education, science, and culture; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, communities of African descent worldwide continue to experience systemic inequities, including economic marginalization, political exclusion, racial discrimination, and cultural erasure; and

WHEREAS, building intentional connections among communities of African descent offers the opportunity to strengthen solidarity, amplify cultural pride, and expand pathways for shared prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women (NOBEL Women) recognizes the vital role of Black women leaders in bridging communities, promoting collective empowerment, and advancing the well-being of people of African heritage worldwide; and

WHEREAS, NOBEL Women is committed to cultivating relationships that extend beyond domestic borders, with the goal of uniting the Diaspora in pursuit of political empowerment, economic progress, and cultural exchange;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF BLACK ELECTED LEGISLATIVE WOMEN, That this body hereby declares its commitment to strengthening unity within the African Diaspora and to fostering targeted global relationships that:

Affirm Shared Political Bonds -- by encouraging dialogue, cooperation, and solidarity among leaders and communities of African descent;

Encourage Economic Growth and Exchange -- by fostering opportunity, collaboration, and prosperity across Diaspora communities;

Celebrate Cultural Heritage -- by promoting understanding, connection, and pride in the traditions of people of African descent; and

Inspire Future Generations -- by nurturing youth leadership, education, and international engagement across the Diaspora.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That NOBEL Women affirms its vision to be a global leader in bridging nations and communities of African descent, ensuring that women and communities across the Diaspora rise

together in unity, strength, and shared purpose.

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