

Resolution 4: NOBEL Women 40th Anniversary Celebration

Sponsored by Rep. Sonya Harper, Illinois

Resolution Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women (NOBEL Women)

WHEREAS, the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women (NOBEL Women) was founded in 1985 by visionary Black women legislators who recognized the urgent need for a national network dedicated to amplifying the voices of Black women in policymaking and advancing justice, equity, and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the founding members; The Honorable Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, The Honorable Diane Watson, The Honorable Diana Bajoie, and The Honorable Gwen Moore, united their wisdom, courage, and leadership to establish NOBEL Women as a force for change across the United States; and

WHEREAS, for 40 years, NOBEL Women has been a driving voice for social justice, women's health, voting rights, education, economic equity, and the strengthening of families and communities, while providing mentorship and leadership development for Black women legislators nationwide; and

WHEREAS, NOBEL Women has fostered collaboration among elected women leaders, built bridges across communities, and created a powerful pipeline for the next generation of Black women in public office; and

WHEREAS, under the current leadership of Senator Tonya Anderson, President of NOBEL Women, the organization continues to grow its national impact, uplift the mission of its founders, and reaffirm its commitment to shaping public policy for the betterment of Black communities and all people; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women proudly celebrates its 40th Anniversary, honoring the vision and legacy of its founding members, The Hon. Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, The Hon. Diane Watson, The Hon. Diana Bajoie, and The Hon. Gwen Moore; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NOBEL Women expresses its profound gratitude to all past Presidents, members, and supporters who have contributed to the growth and longevity of this historic organization; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be recorded as an official declaration of celebration, remembrance, and recommitment, marking the 40th Anniversary of NOBEL Women as a milestone in the advancement of Black women's leadership in America.

Submitted by Rep Sonya Marie Harper