

NATIONAL COALITION OF 100 BLACK WOMEN, INC.

RESOLUTION ON VOTER SUPPRESSION

WHEREAS the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. (NCBW) advocates to influence policy that promotes gender equity in health, education, and economic empowerment; and a world where black women and girls live without socio-economic inequities. Rebukes all voter suppression tactics used to keep African Americans from exercising their Constitutional right to vote; *and*

WHEREAS suppression of voter registration drives occurs in many states with restrictive laws (for instance, requiring the presentation of a birth certificate) make it virtually impossible to conduct voter registration drives; *and*

WHEREAS de-registering “inactive” voters without reasonable notification, such as sending postcards designed to look like junk mail with instructions in tiny type instructing voters to reply if they want to remain registered; *and*

WHEREAS Black American still face massive disparities and inequalities in accessing the right to vote 150 years after the passage of the Fifteenth Amendment; *and*

WHEREAS due to ongoing racial disparities in felony charges and convictions, Black Americans are more likely than whites to be disenfranchised due to having a felony record; *and*

WHEREAS Black voters also face barriers in many places to registering to vote at all, staying on the voter rolls, and having their mail-in ballots counted; *and*

WHEREAS the 2020 Presidential Election resulted in a record number of voter participation (two thirds of the eligible population with 30 million African Americans eligible); *and*

WHEREAS, in 2021 State lawmakers across 28 states have introduced, prefiled, or carried over 106 bills to restrict voting access. These proposals primarily seek to: (1) limit mail voting access; (2) impose stricter voter ID requirements; (3) limit successful pro-voter registration policies; and (4) enable more aggressive voter roll purges; *and*

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Coalition of 100 Black Women shall work collaboratively with government agencies, community organizations, and fair-minded legislators to advocate against all voter suppression through expanded community outreach, web-based information and advocacy forums.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each chapter shall meet with legislators to advocate for voter rights and denounce voter suppression.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each NCBW chapter shall implement these actions as appropriate to the resources of its chapter and the needs of its members and community.