

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APP-BASED ECONOMY

WHEREAS, there are more than 23 million Americans that earn income on app-based platforms;

WHEREAS, those app-based platforms serve hundreds of millions of consumers across the United States;

WHEREAS, the app-based industry gives rideshare and delivery partners unprecedented control over when, where, and for whom they work;

WHEREAS, the app-based economy continues to inject millions of dollars into Black and Brown communities and connect communities with access to goods and services;

WHEREAS, these platforms support Black entrepreneurship by offering opportunities to supplement income while getting new businesses off the ground;

WHEREAS, inclusion in economic opportunity is important to breaking cycles of poverty, inequity and racial injustice;

WHEREAS, independent work has been a constant and invaluable path to wealth creation in Black communities for hundreds of years;

WHEREAS, the app-based economy and the transformational impact of their investments in Black and Brown communities have a role to play in creating a stable, growing and prosperous middle class; and

WHEREAS, this pivotal moment for the industry and the broader economy requires modern frameworks that can protect the flexibility app-based workers want and provide access to benefits when they need them.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the African American Mayors Association calls for policy solutions that ensure the independence and flexibility that has allowed

millions from underserved communities to build economic power and resources on their own terms; and urges its federal counterparts to do the same.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be dispatched to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, Members of Congress, House and Senate Leadership, and other elected officials as appropriate.