

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITIES
(HBCUS)

WHEREAS, there are over 100 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in the United States;

WHEREAS, HBCUs have made, and continue to make, extraordinary contributions to the general welfare and prosperity of the nation;

WHEREAS, HBCUs provide opportunities for talented individuals who otherwise may not have been able to afford higher education;

WHEREAS, HBCUs foster a supportive social, cultural, and academic environment for people seeking higher education;

WHEREAS, HBCUs serve as vital cultural pillars, economic growth engines, and technology innovators in the communities where they reside;

WHEREAS, HBCUs face unprecedented financial, governance, and operating challenges during a period of major transformation in higher education; and

WHEREAS, the challenges and opportunities for HBCUs in the twenty-first century require urgent attention from every facet of public life;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the African American Mayors Association calls upon the White House and executive agencies to elevate the mission of the White House Initiative on HBCUs to an urgent policy and fiscal priority of the Administration, and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the African American Mayors Association calls upon the United States Congress to make every effort to meet the \$25 billion funding request of HBCUs for infrastructure, college readiness, technology and financial aid needs; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the African American Mayors Association calls upon member mayors to undertake efforts to highlight and support HBCUs that reside in their communities, such as by inclusion of HBCUs in municipal planning and infrastructure projects, building public sector and private sector career pipelines with HBCUs, and hosting key civic events at HBCUs when feasible;

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.