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## **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY LEGISLATION**

WHEREAS, the National Association of Black Law Enforcement Officers (NABLEO), a 501.c.3 non-profit, is a premier national organization for men and women of color serving in the ranks of criminal justice system professionals, and has been in the forefront of bridging the gap between the community and the police, and;

WHEREAS, the use of deadly force by law enforcement in communities of color has risen to seemingly epidemic proportions, and;

WHEREAS, history has shown that little to no accountability has been enacted for issues related to acts of police abuse and misconduct during these episodes, and;

WHEREAS, the use of excessive force by law enforcement officers in communities of color, and the lack of accountability and transparency in the investigation of these issues, has taken a significant toll on those communities, resulting in mass episodes of civil unrest and disobedience, as well as a lack of trust and faith in the criminal justice system, and;

WHEREAS, there is a need for comprehensive, standardized legislation in all jurisdictions that regulates the method by which these issues are investigated;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Directors and General Membership of the National Association of Black Law Enforcement Officers indicates their support for the adoption and passage of legislation that promotes and supports police accountability, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, we urge all state and local governments to adopt legislative actions which will curtail police abuse and misconduct, which will subsequently result in greater levels of community faith in the criminal justice system, thus enhancing police legitimacy and trust.